

# Fulton County Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) Results

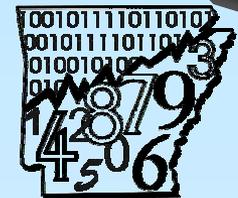


## Youth Risk Behavior Survey



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Department  
of Health

Arkansas  
Center for  
Health  
Statistics



# What Is the Youth Risk Behavior Survey?

- The YRBS is an 87 item multiple-choice questionnaire which was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to measure behaviors that put health at risk.



# In Fulton County...

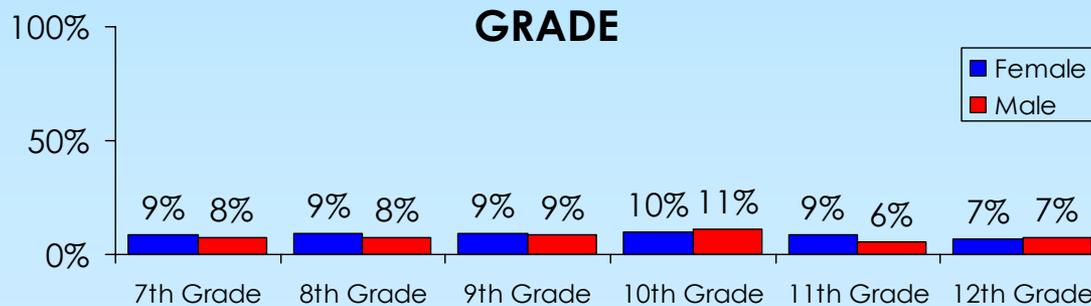
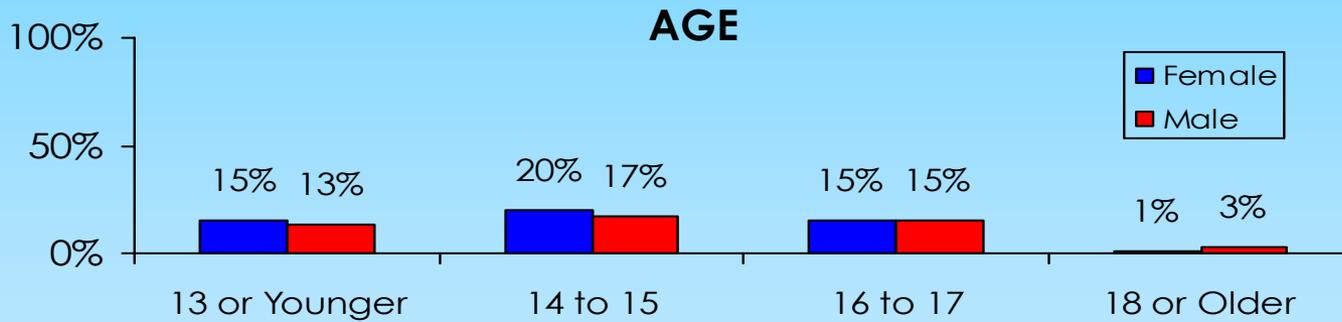
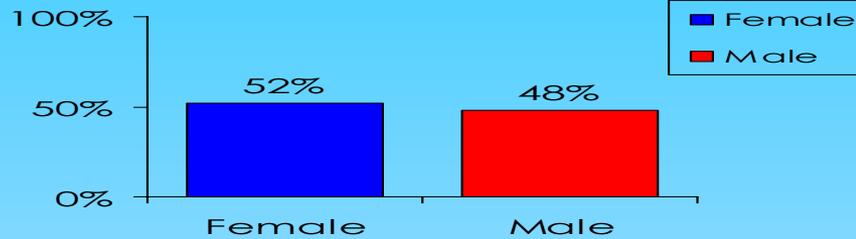
- Survey was administered last week of August.
- A total of **612** students in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade completed valid surveys for a response rate of approximately 70%.
- The survey was representative of the 7<sup>th</sup> –12<sup>th</sup> grade school population.

# DEMOGRAPHICS OF SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

Total number of survey participants = 612

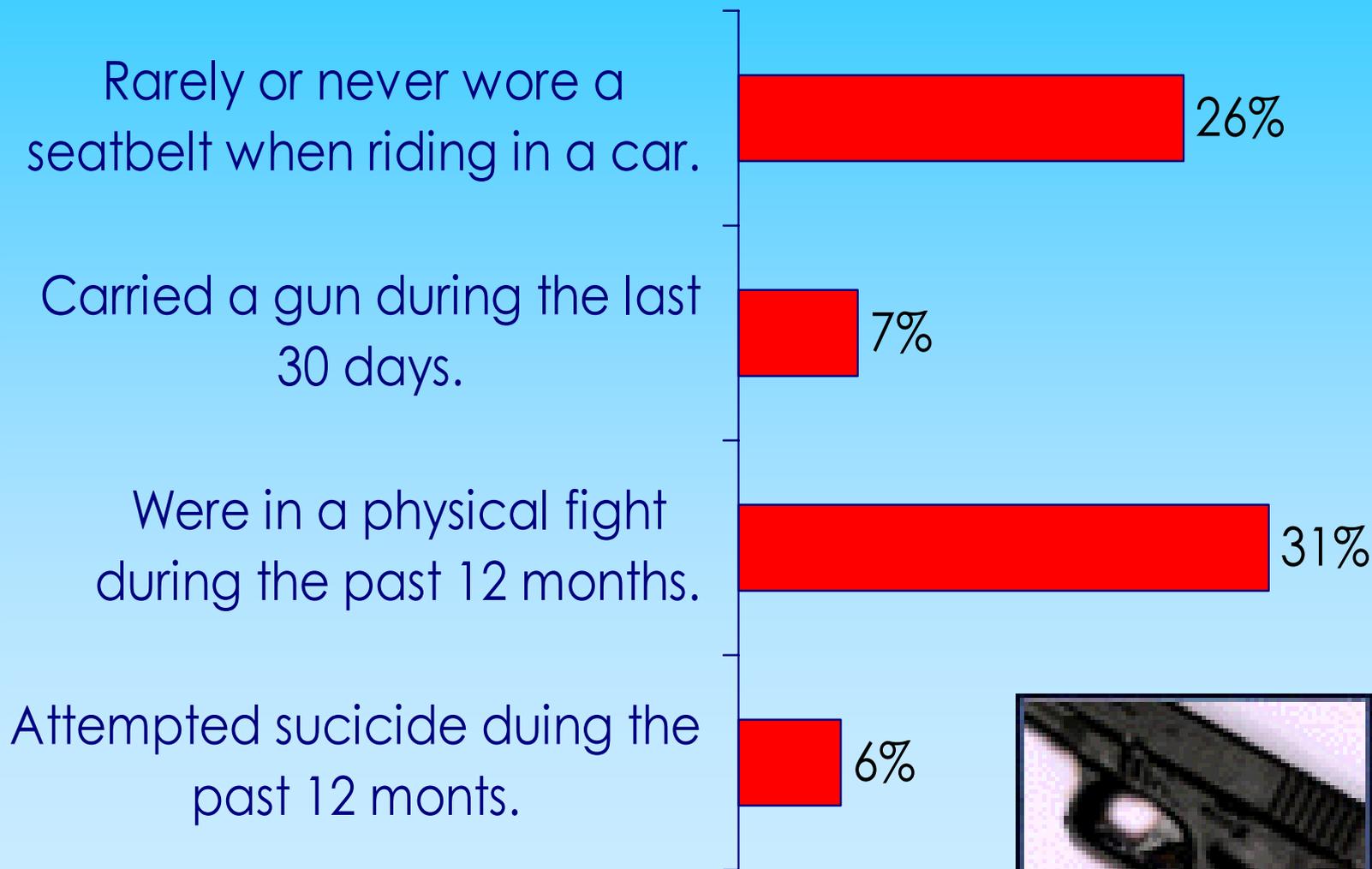


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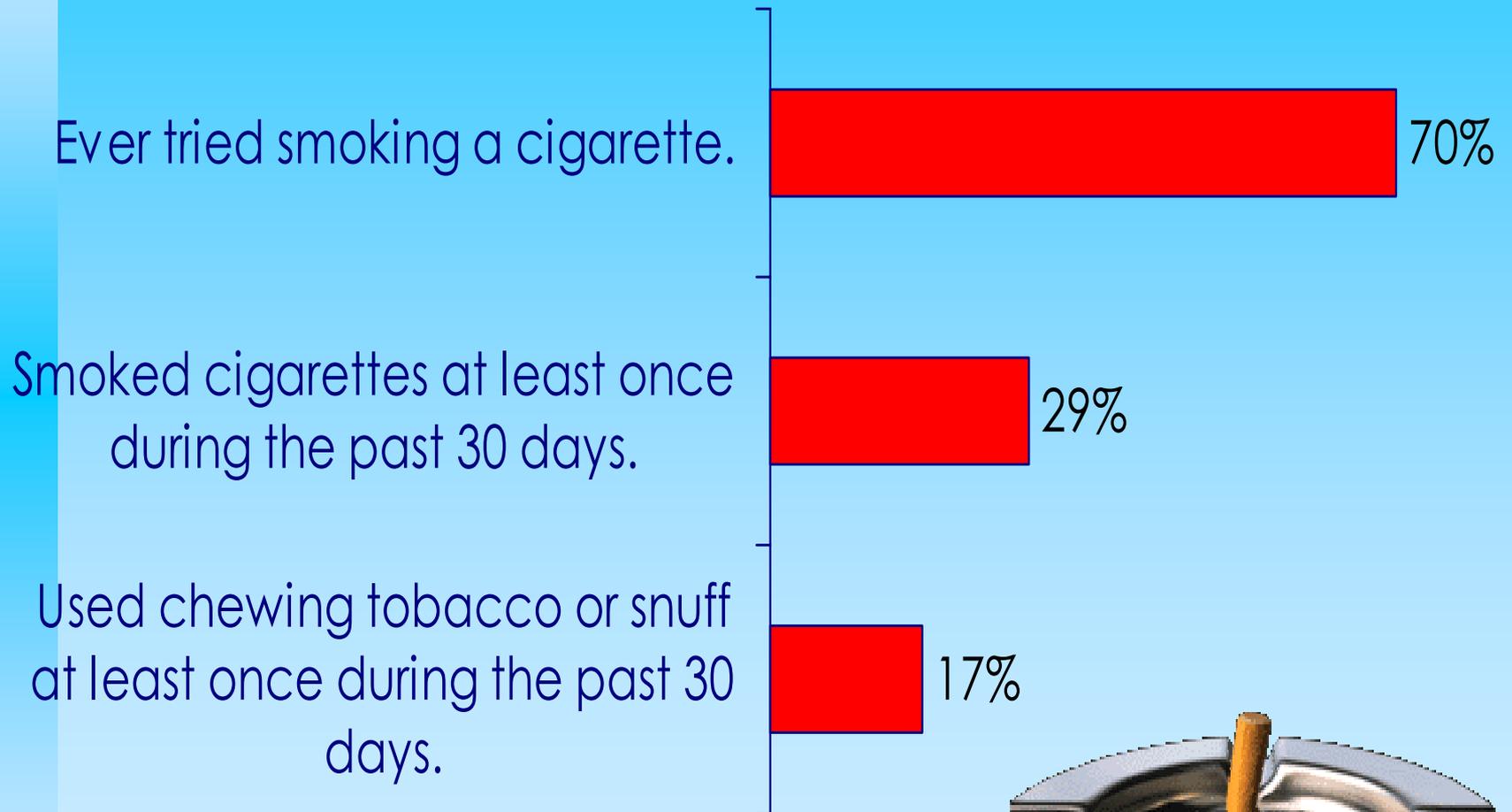
# Summary of Fulton County YRBS Findings

## Physical Safety/Injuries



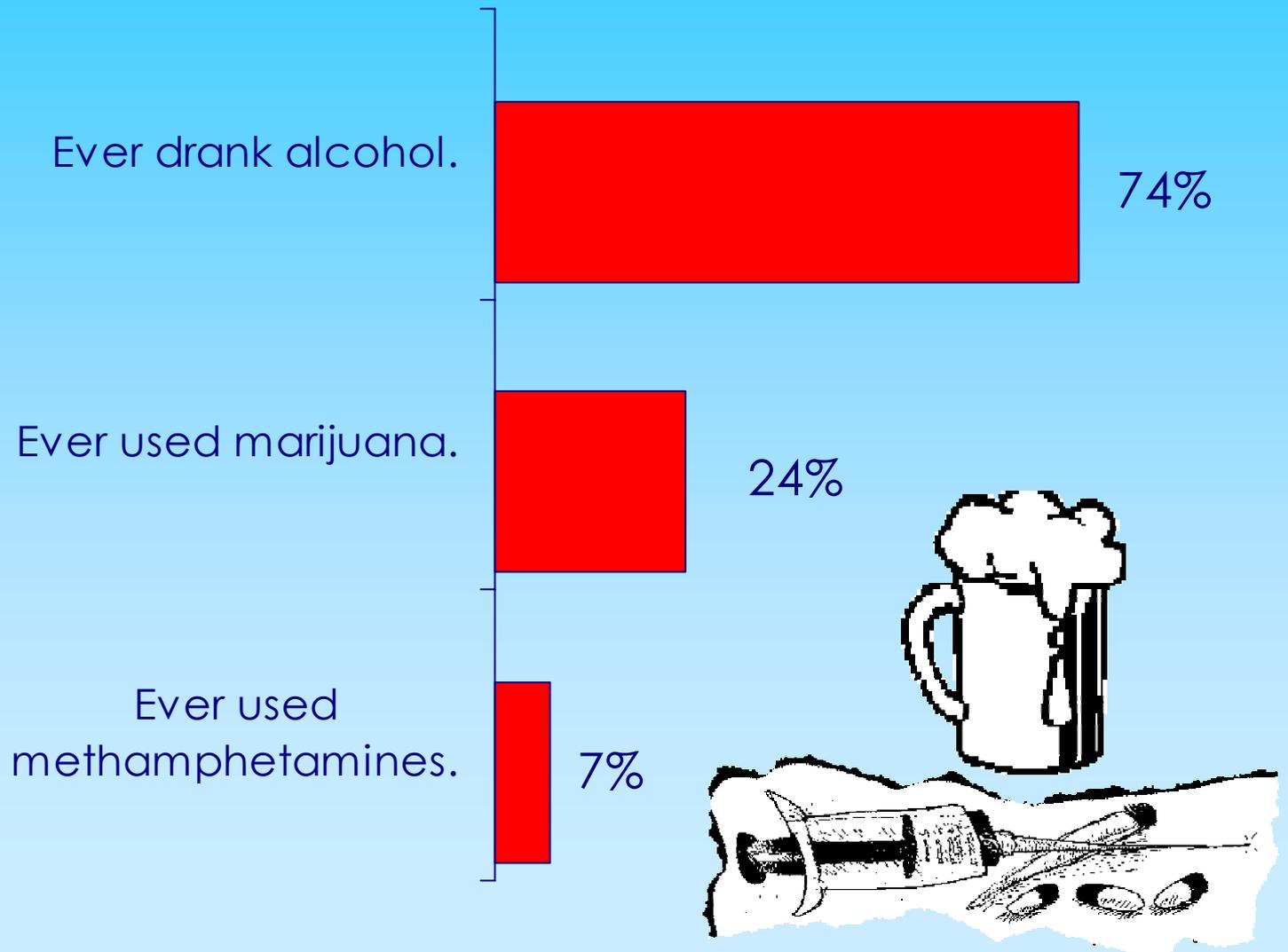
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## Tobacco



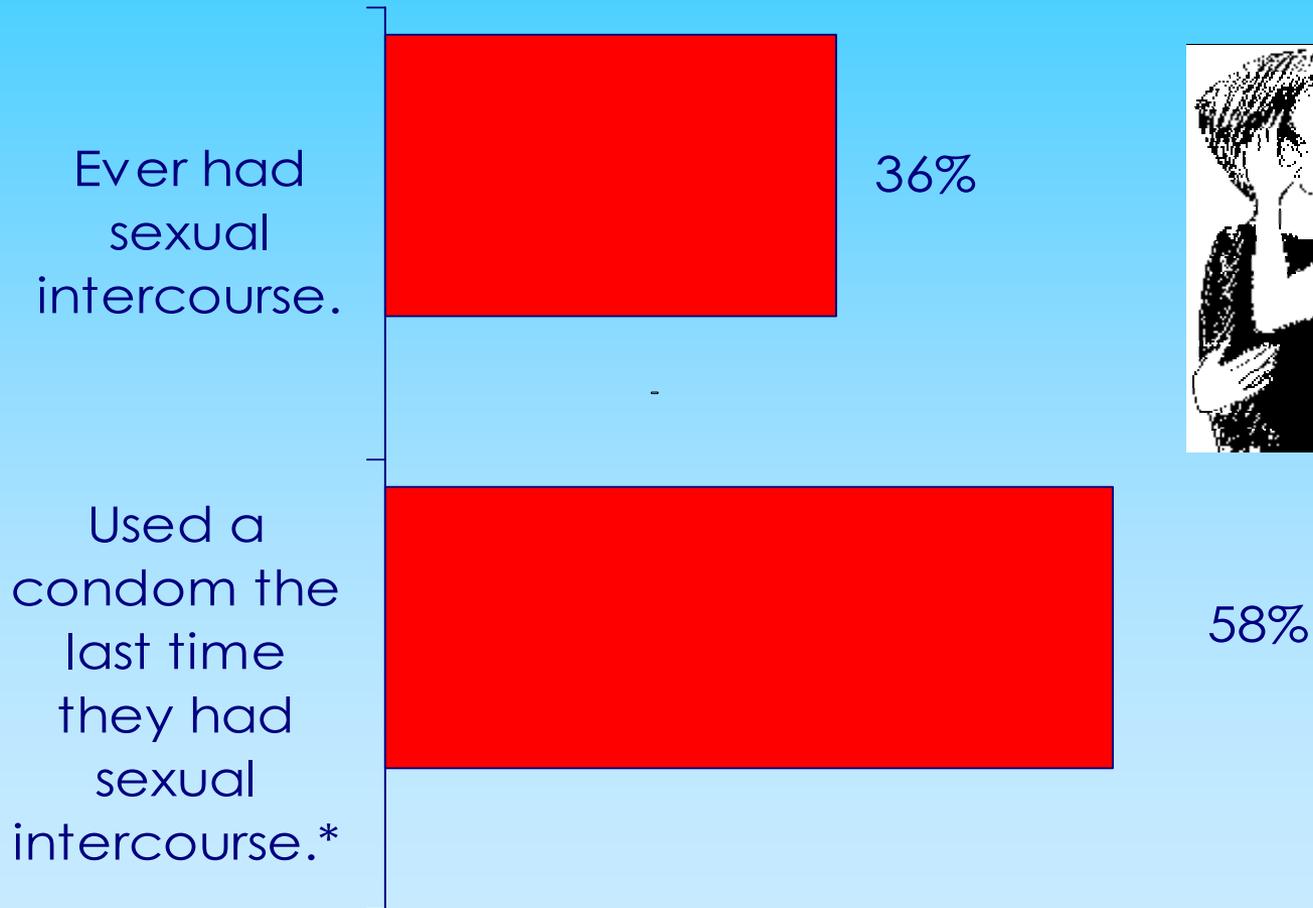
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## Alcohol & Other Drugs



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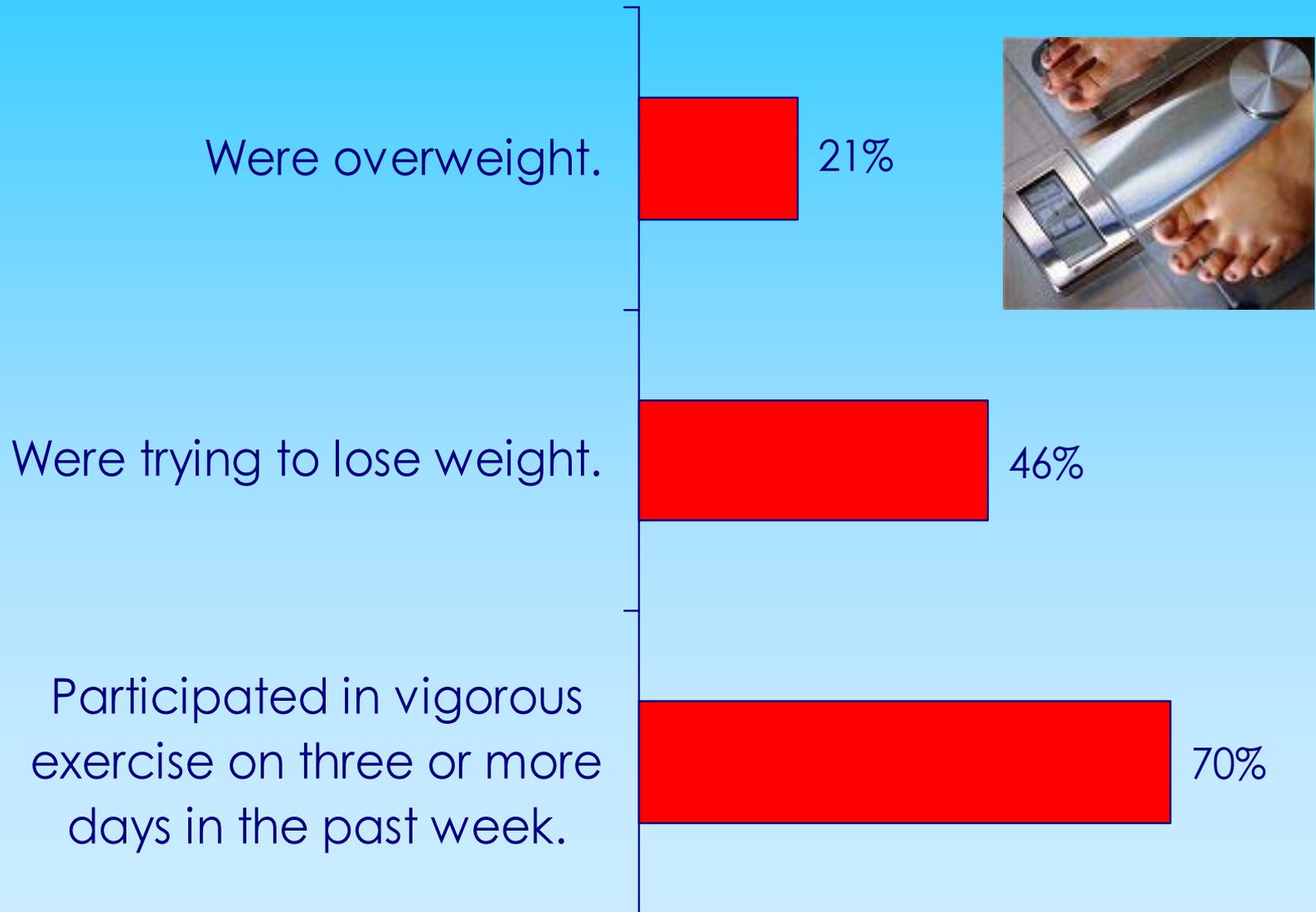
## Sexual Behavior



\*of those who had sexual intercourse.

# Summary of Fulton County YRBS Findings

## Diet & Exercise



# Summary of Behaviors Relating to School Property

## Physical Safety

Did not go to school on one or more of the past 30 days because they felt unsafe.

2%

Had been threatened or injured with a weapon on school property during the past 12 months.

7%

Carried a weapon such as a gun, knife, or club on school property during the past 30 days.

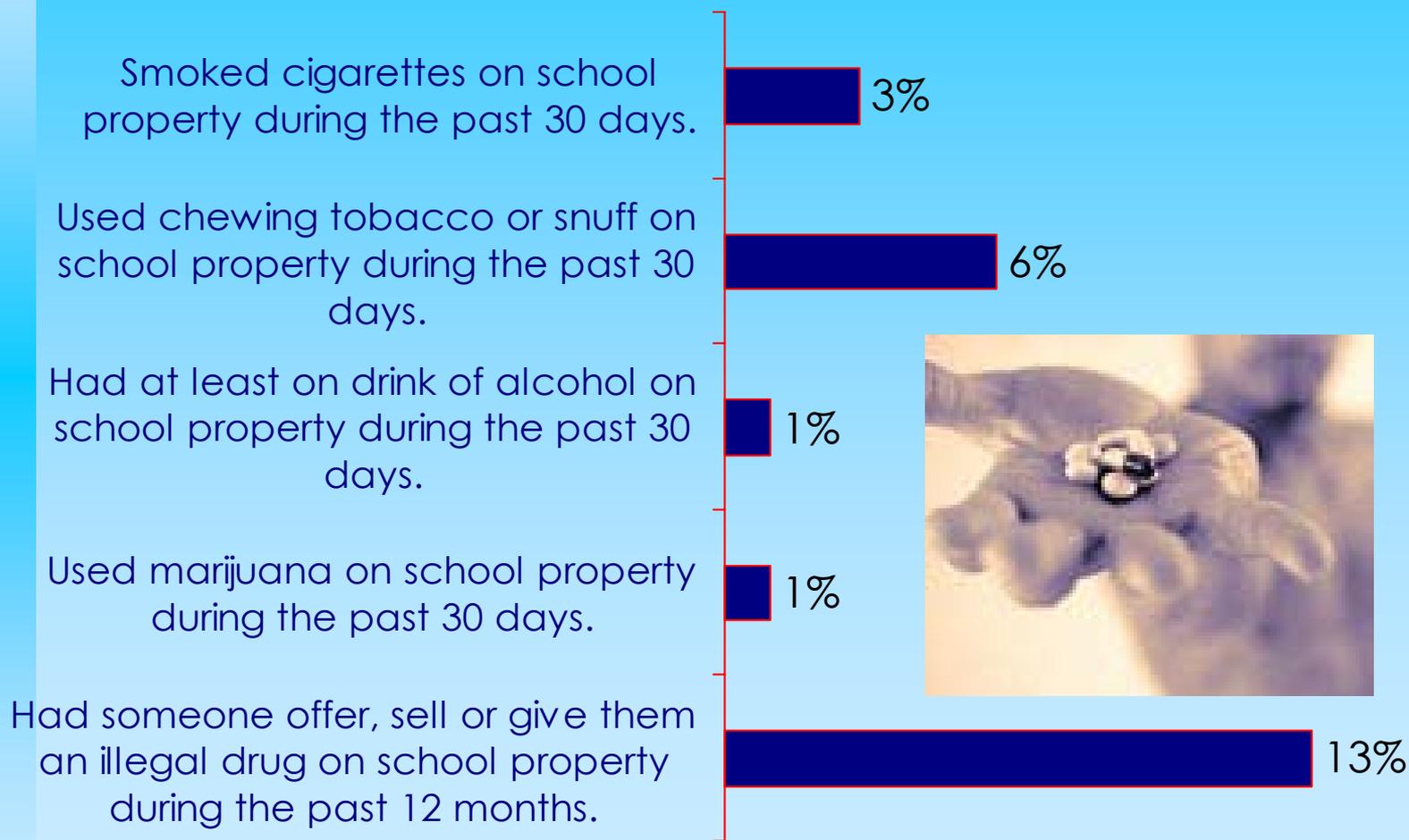
8%

Were in a physical fight on school property during the past 30 days.

12%



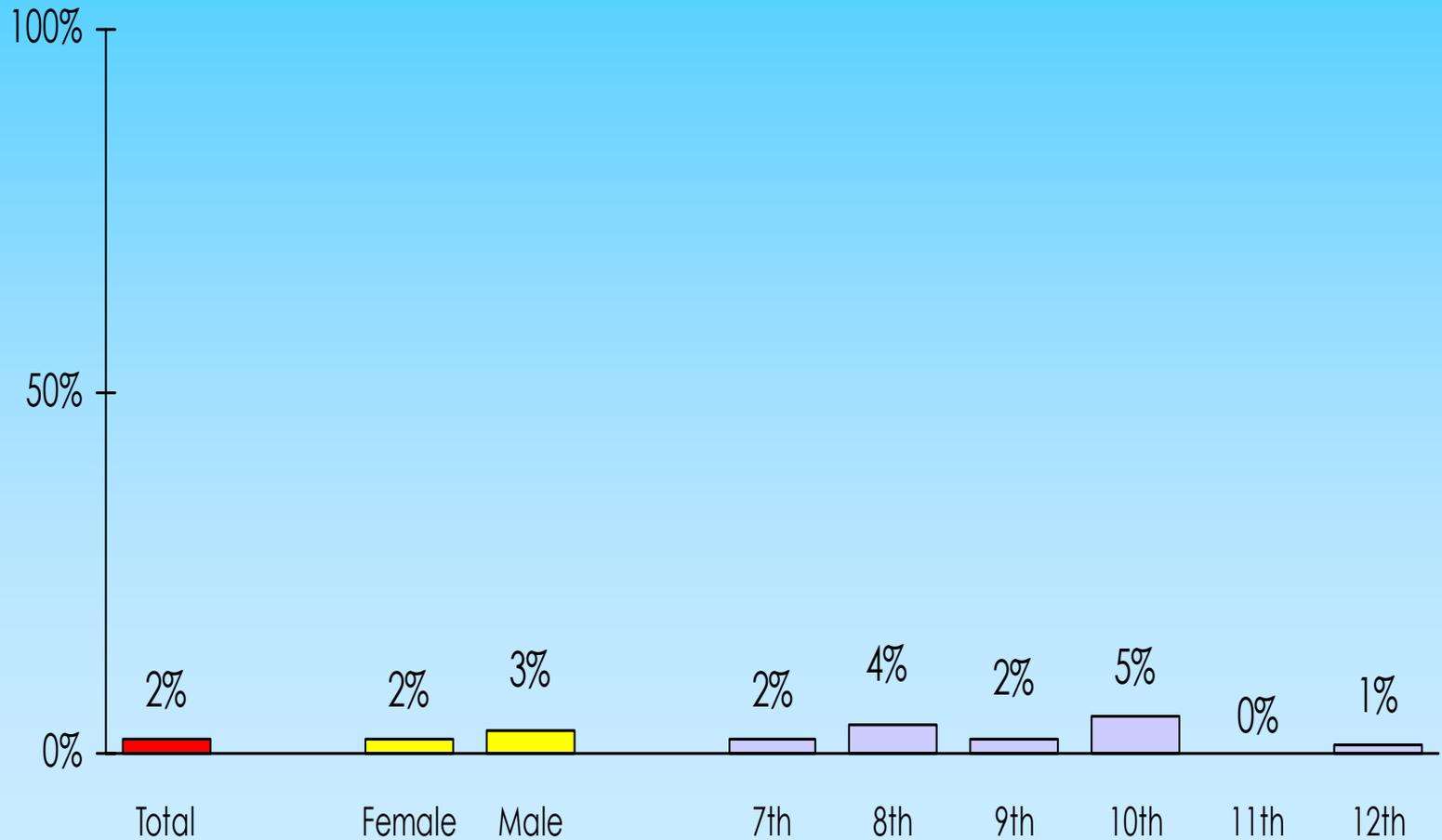
# Summary of Behaviors Relating to School Property Tobacco, Alcohol & Other Drugs at School



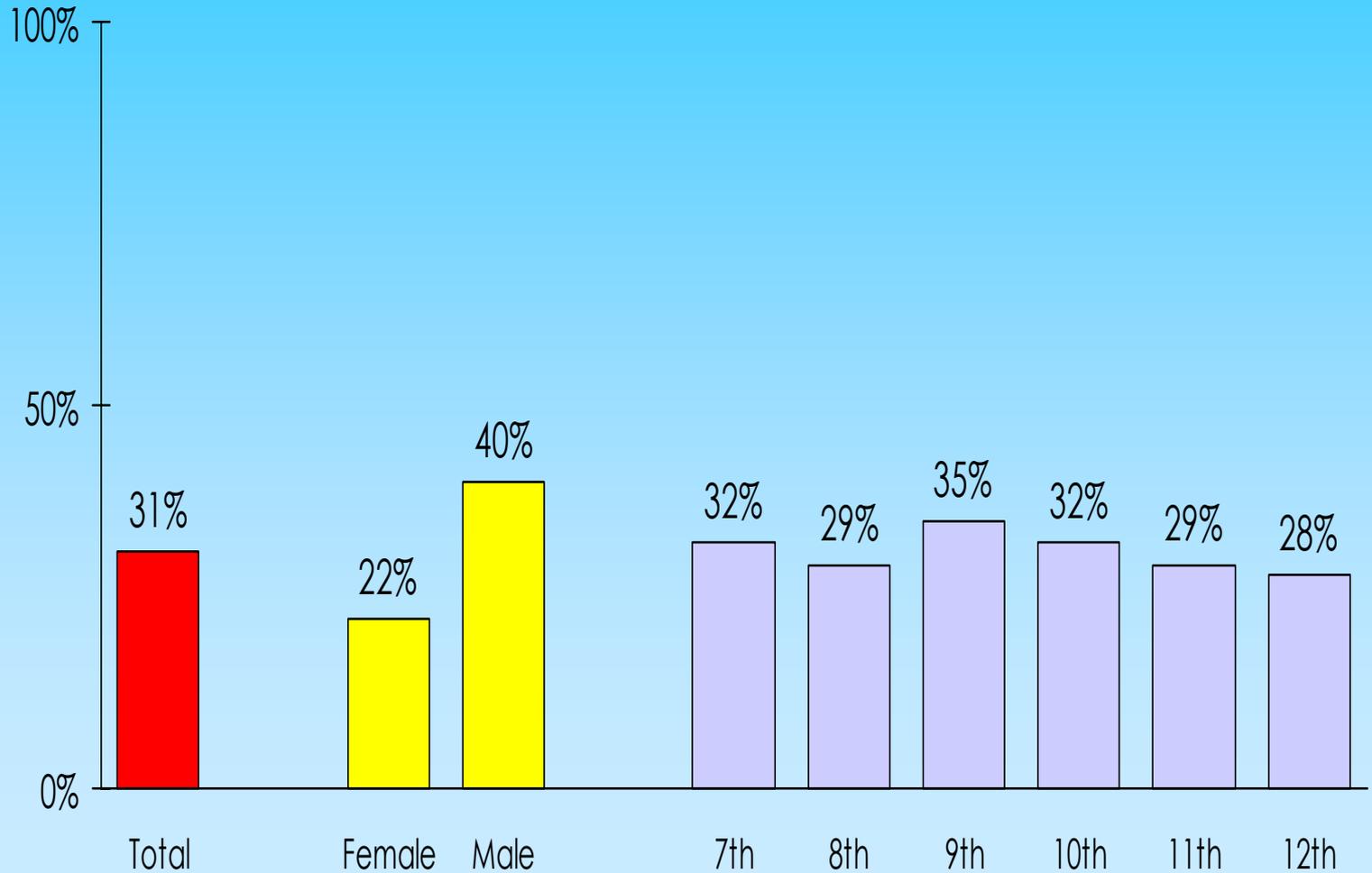
# Detailed Findings-Violence



## Percentage of students who did not go to school on one or more of the past 30 days because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school.



## Percentage of students who were in a physical fight one or more times during the past 12 months.

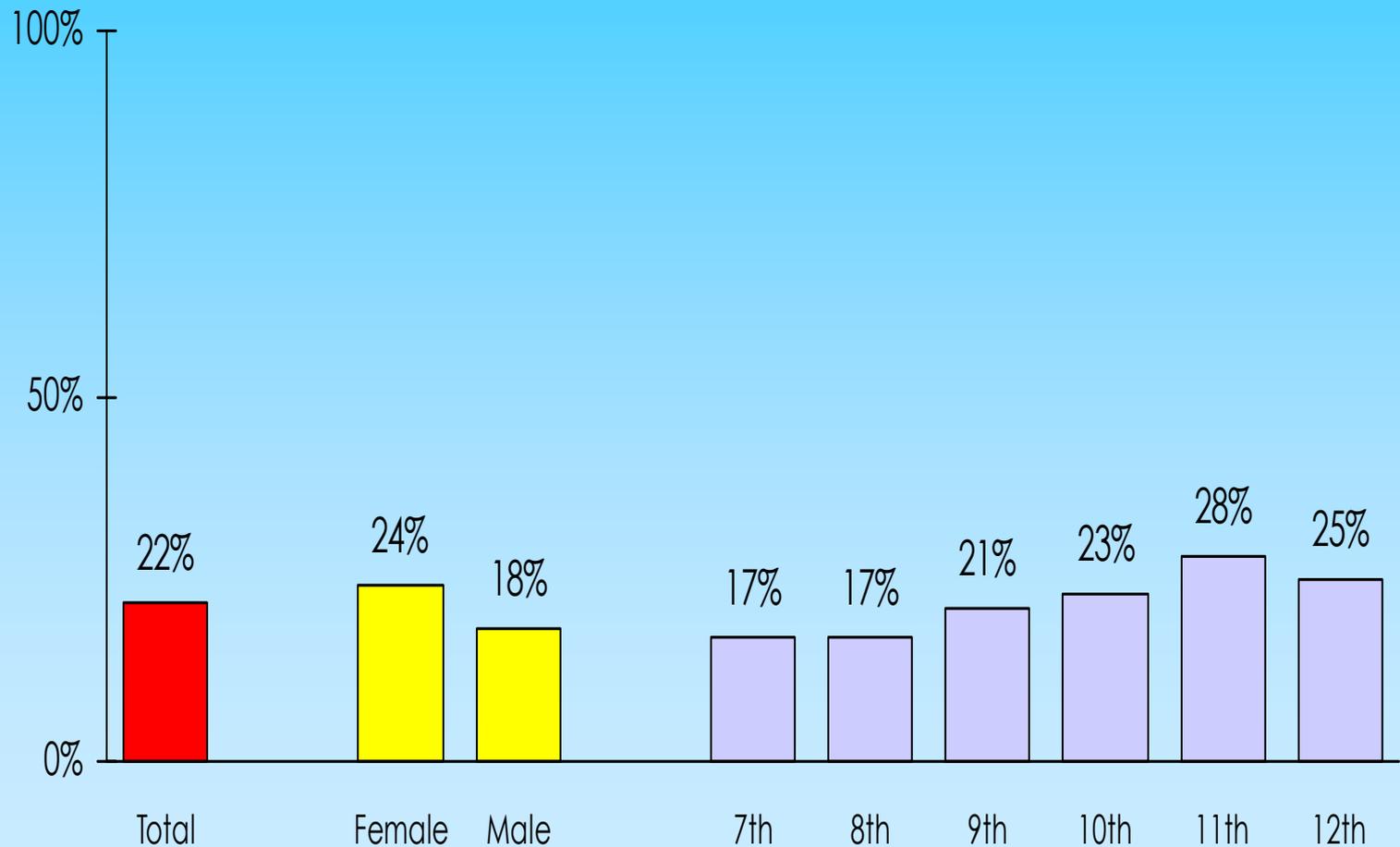




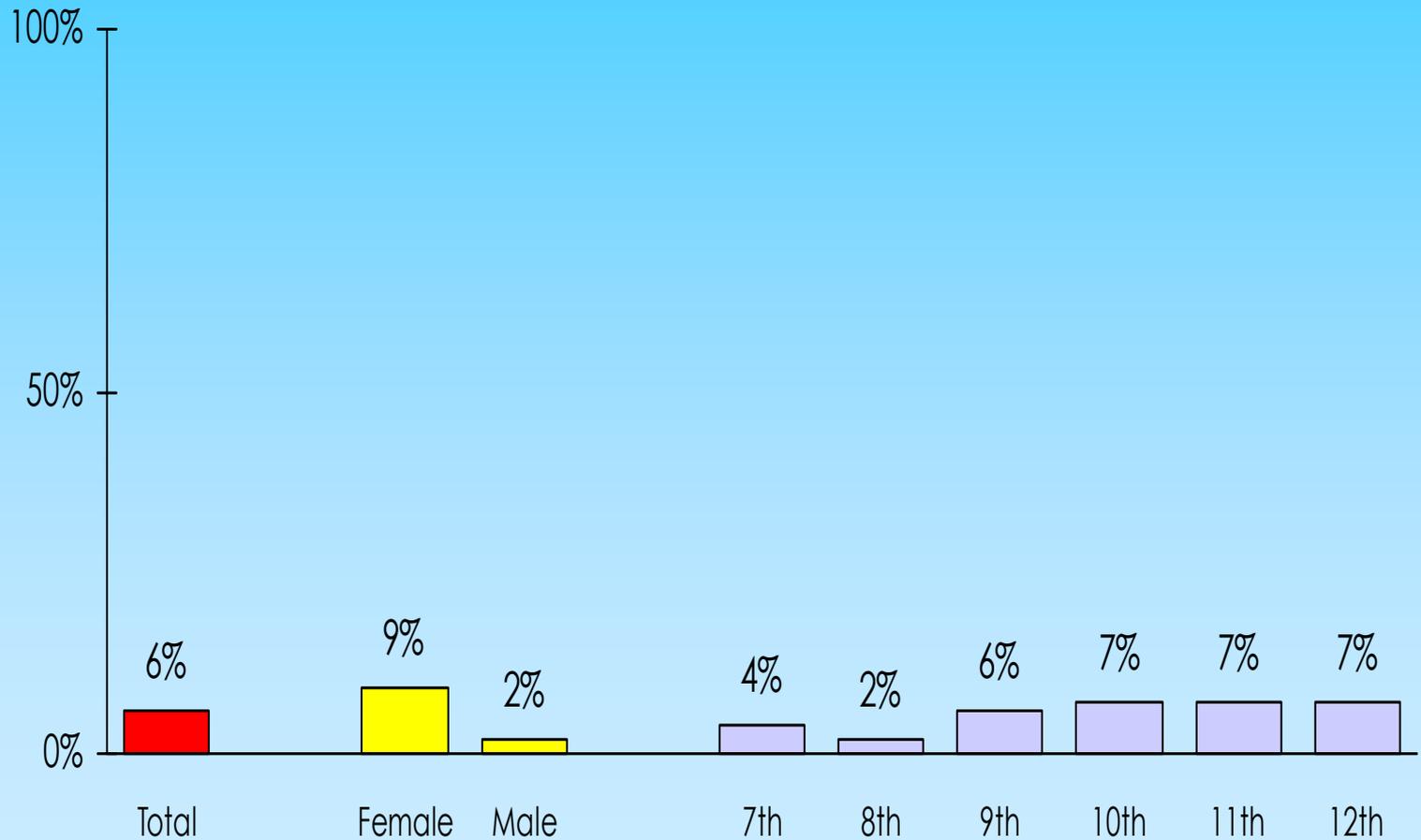
# Detailed Findings- Depression & Suicide



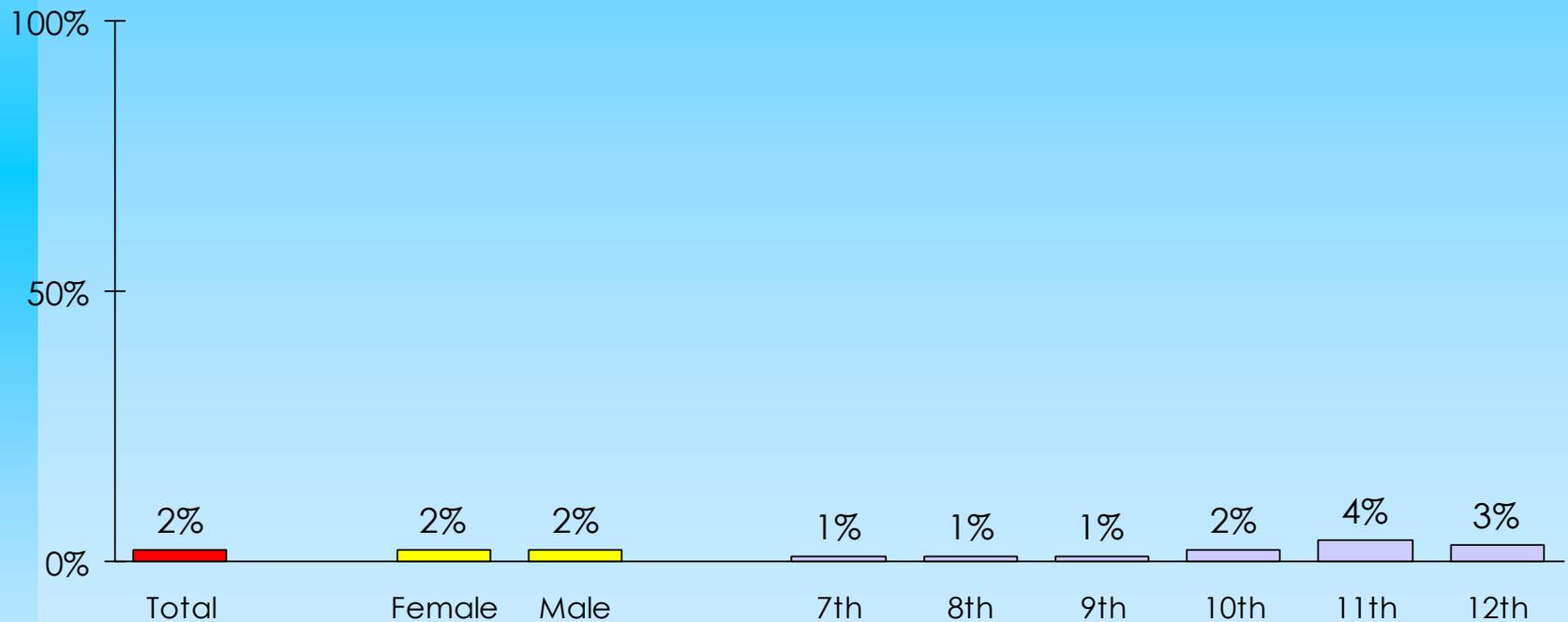
## Percentage of students who felt so sad or hopeless for two weeks or longer that they stopped doing some of their usual activities.



## Percentage of students who actually attempted suicide one or more times during the past 12 months.



## Percentage of students who attempted suicide during the past 12 months resulting in injury, poisoning or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse.

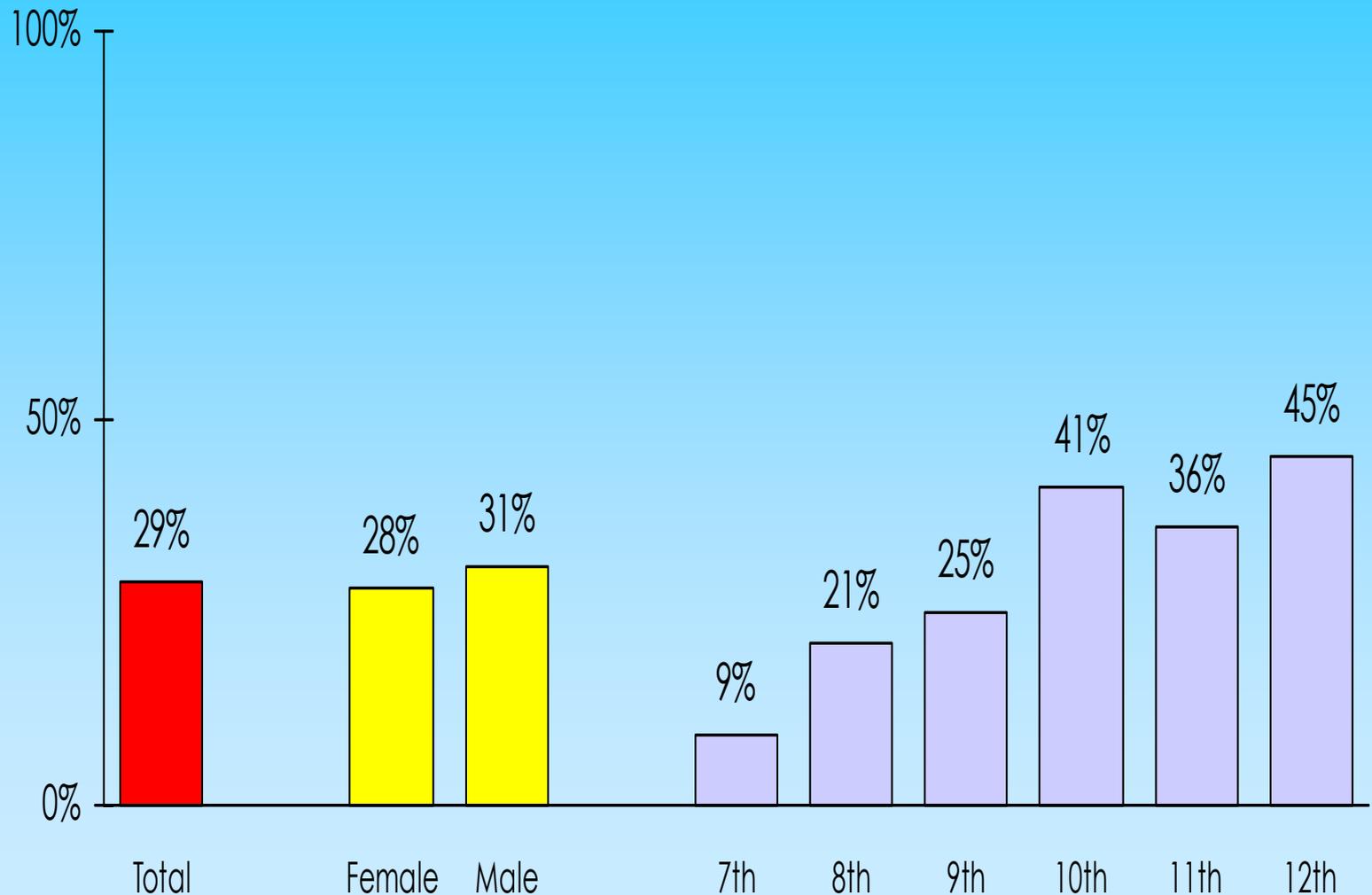




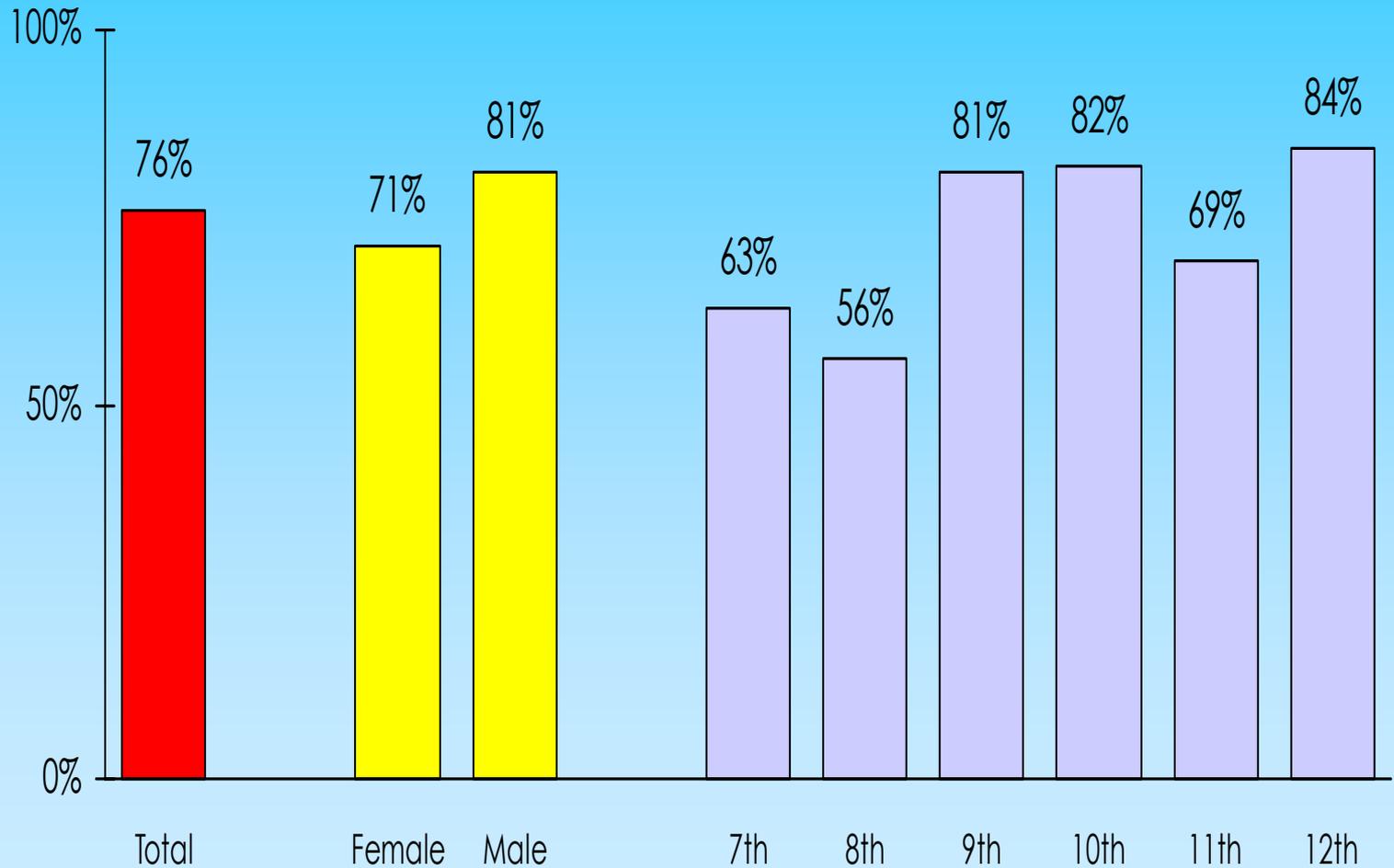
## Detailed Findings-Tobacco



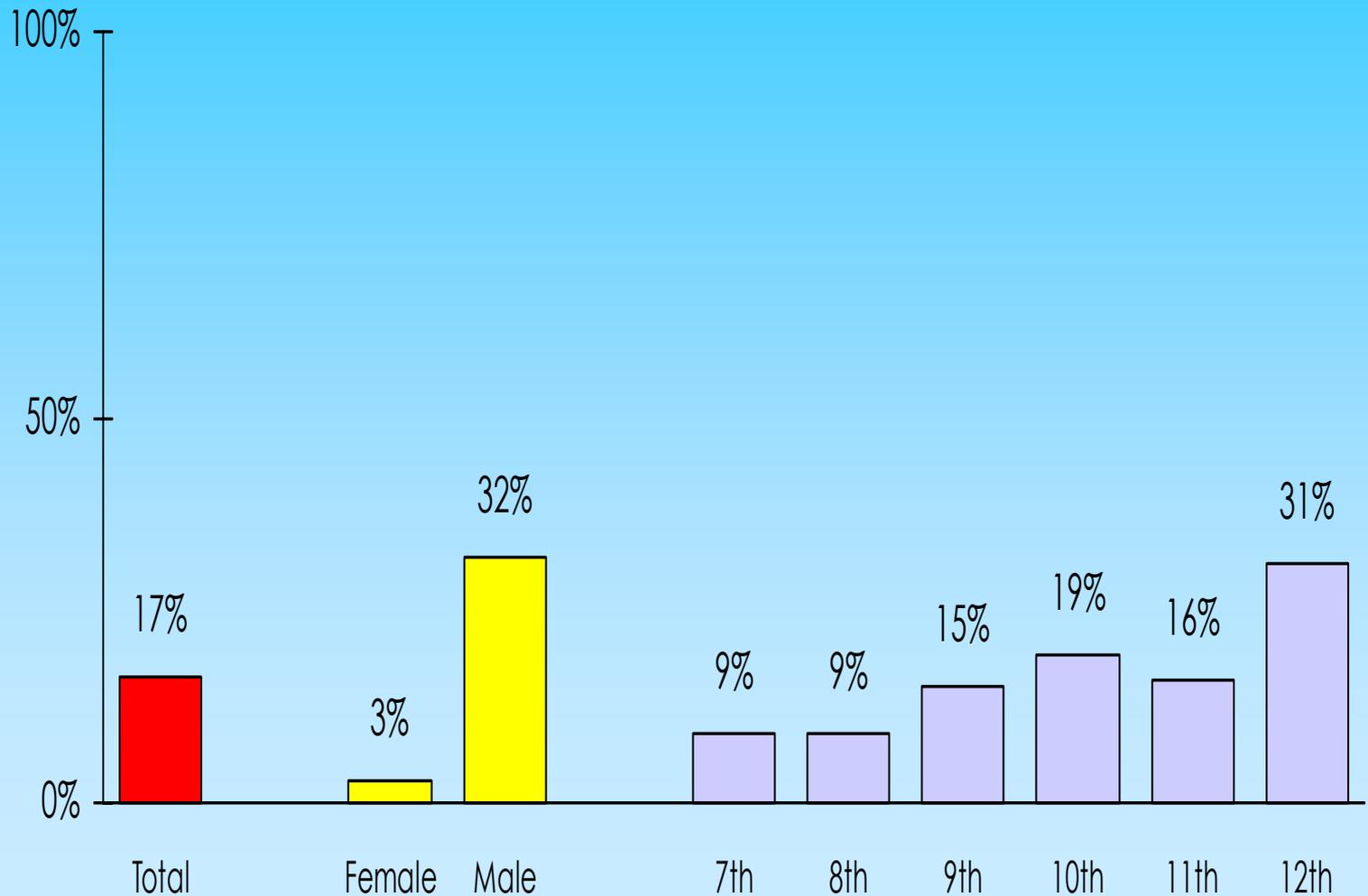
## Percentage of students who smoked cigarettes on one or more of the past 30 days.



**Of the students who smoked during the past 30 days, the percentage who smoked two or more cigarettes per day on the days they smoked.**

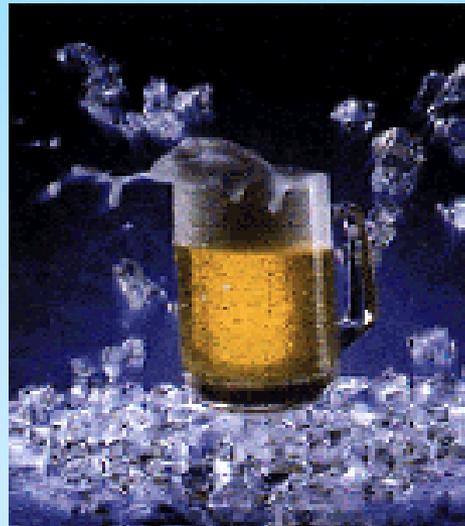


# Percentage of students who used chewing tobacco or snuff on one or more of the past 30 days.

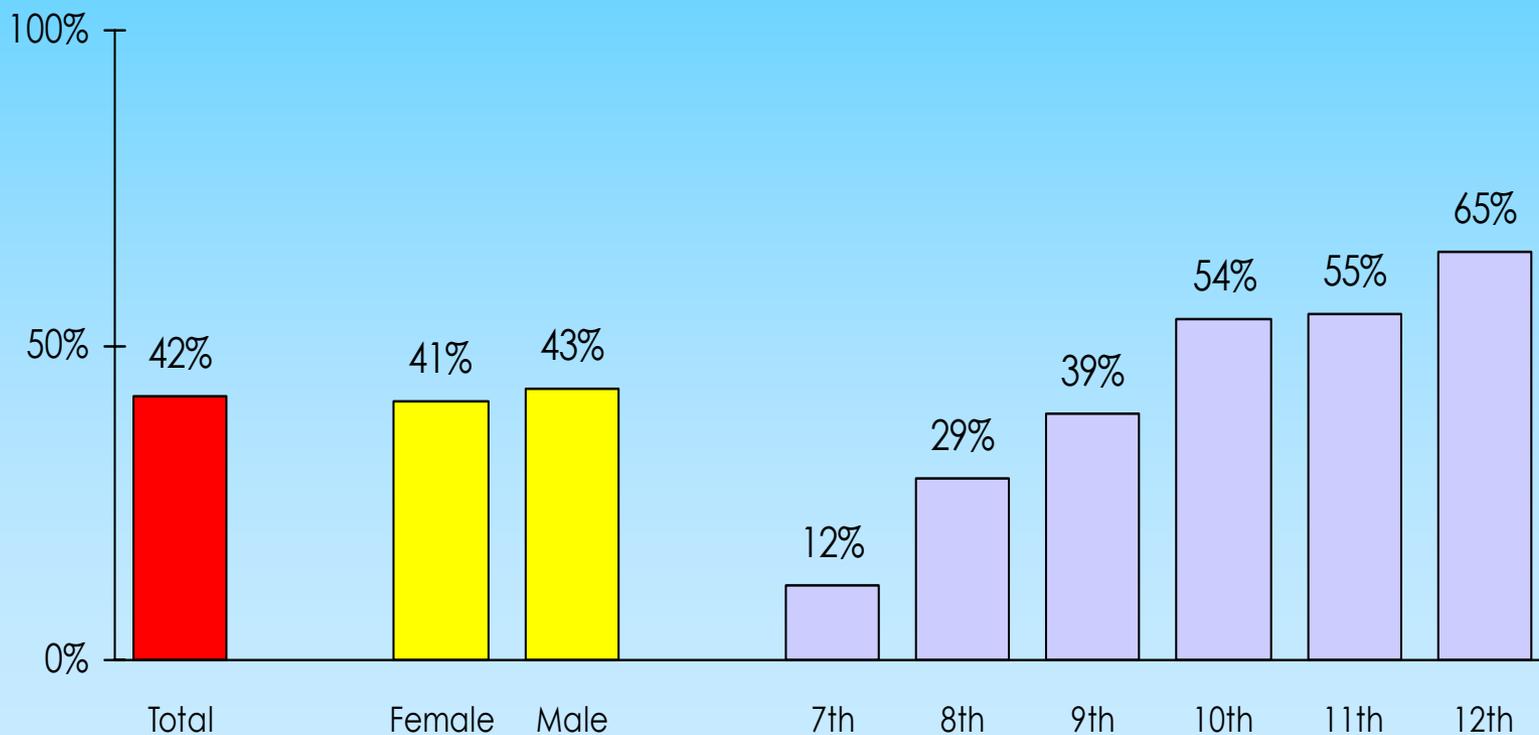




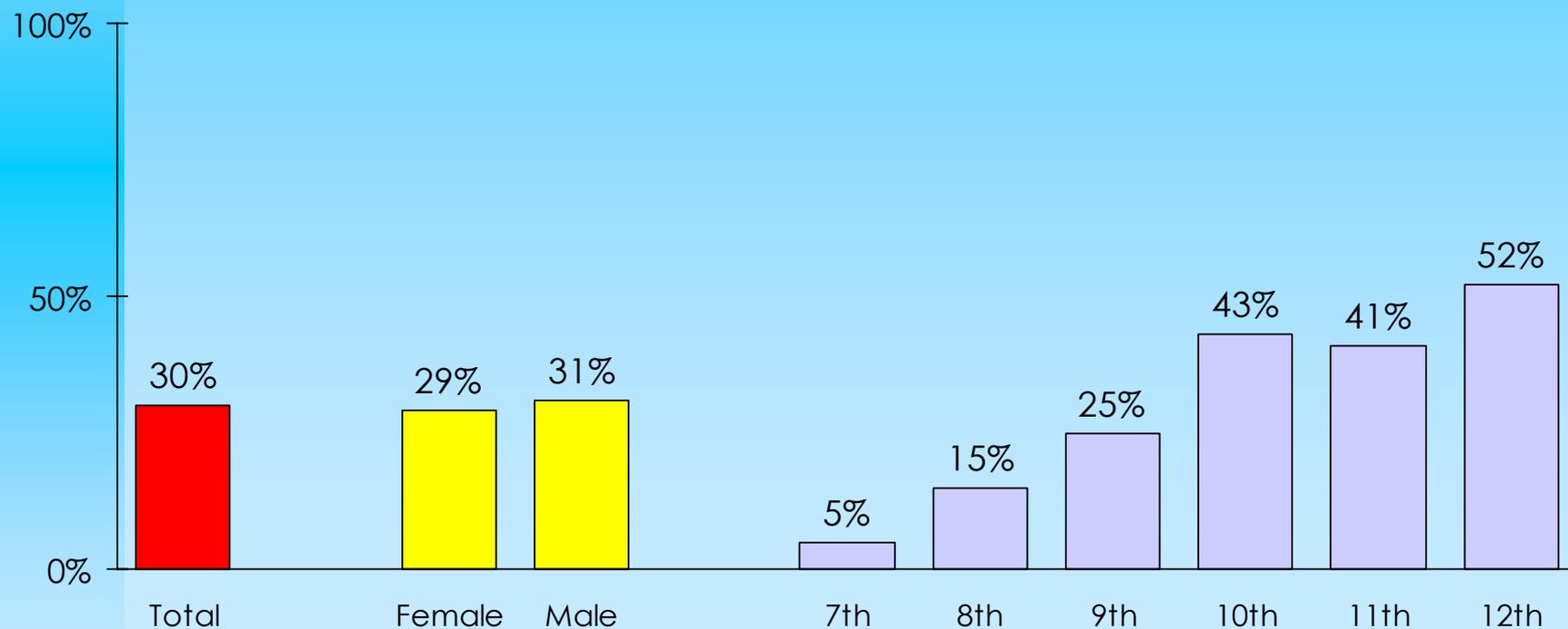
# Detailed Findings-Alcohol



# Percentage of students who had at least one drink of alcohol on one or more of the past 30 days.



## Percentage of students who had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, that is, within a couple of hours, on one or more of the past 30 days.

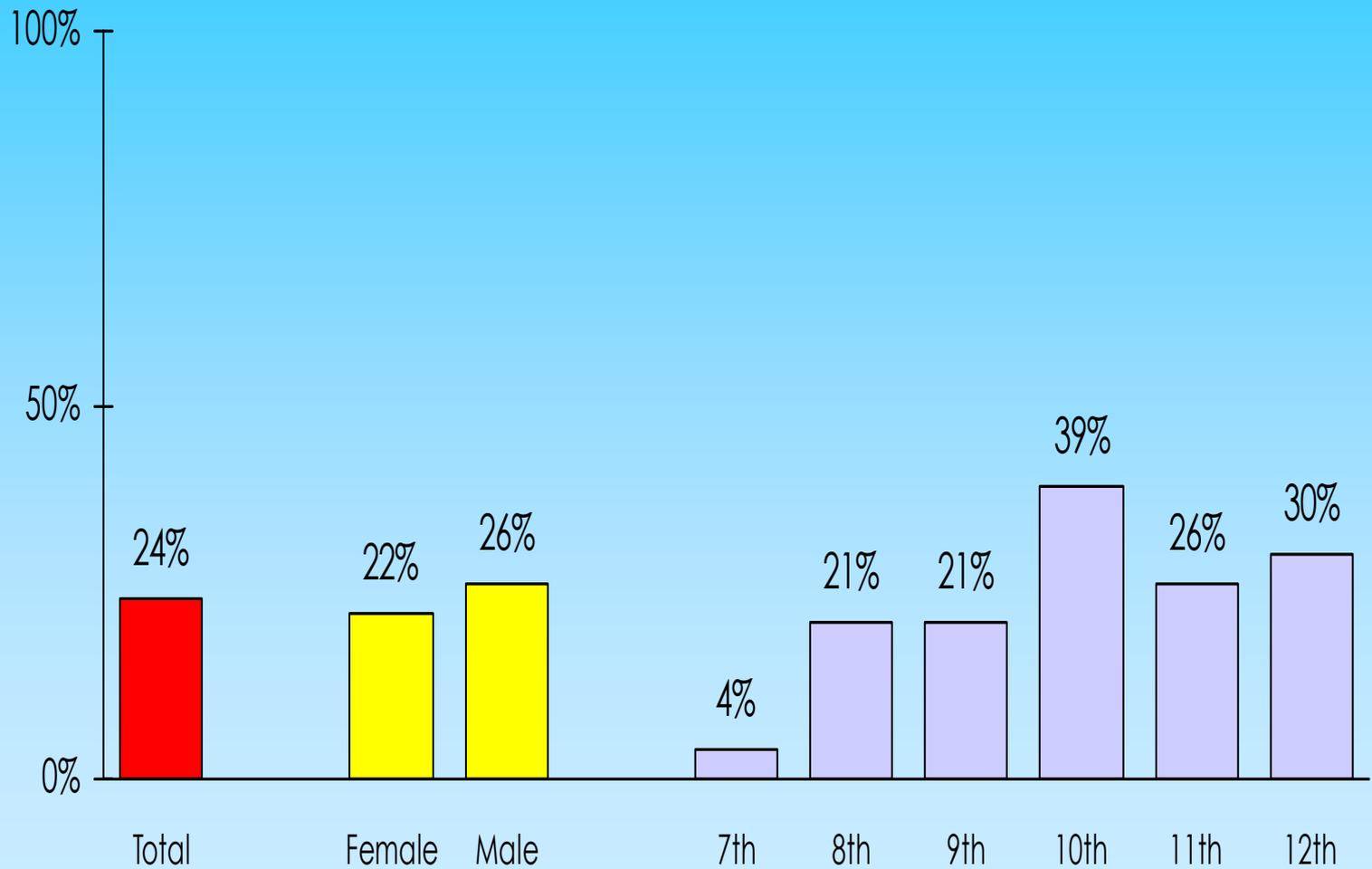




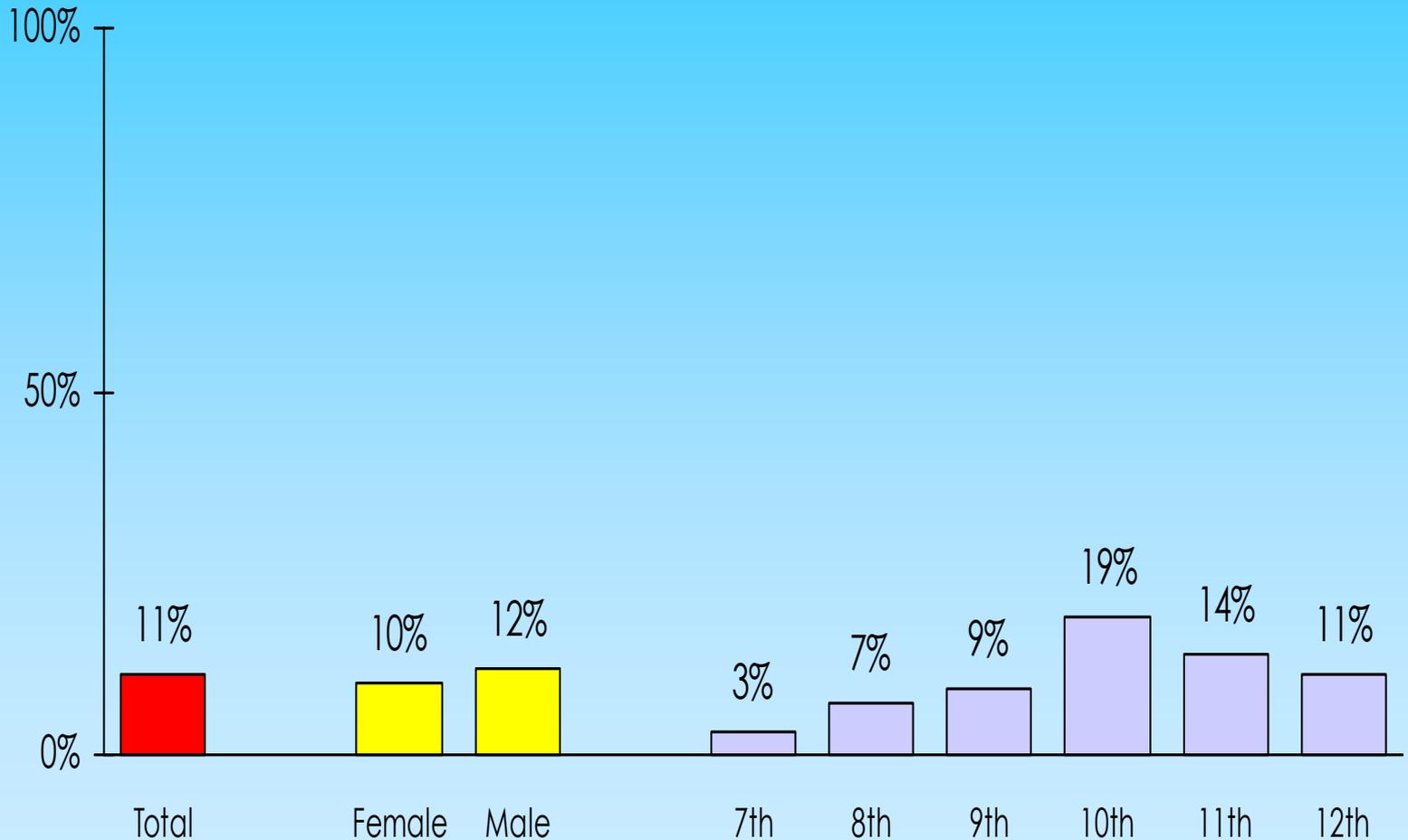
# Detailed Findings-Illicit Drugs



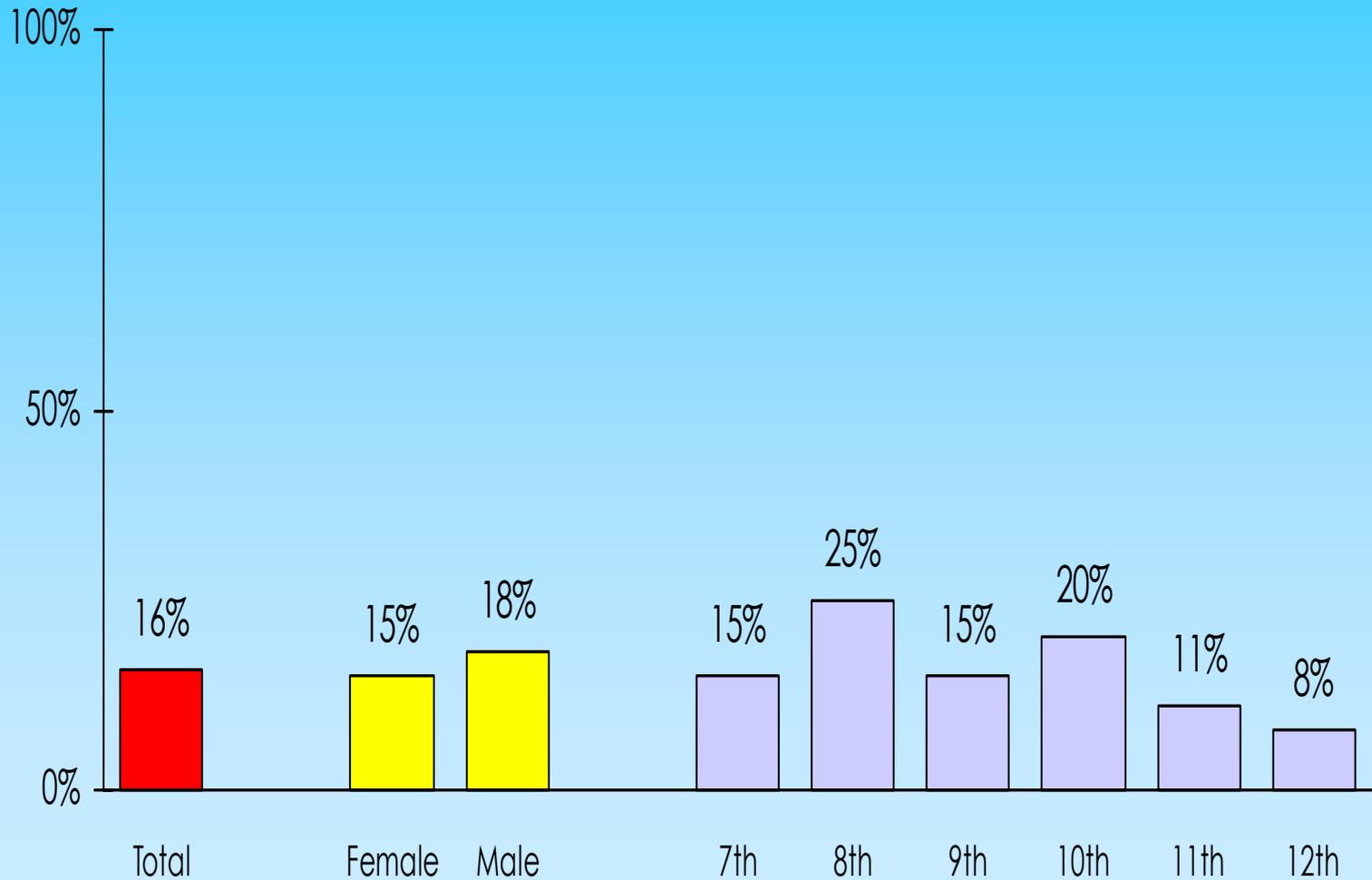
## Percentage of students who used marijuana one or more times during their life.



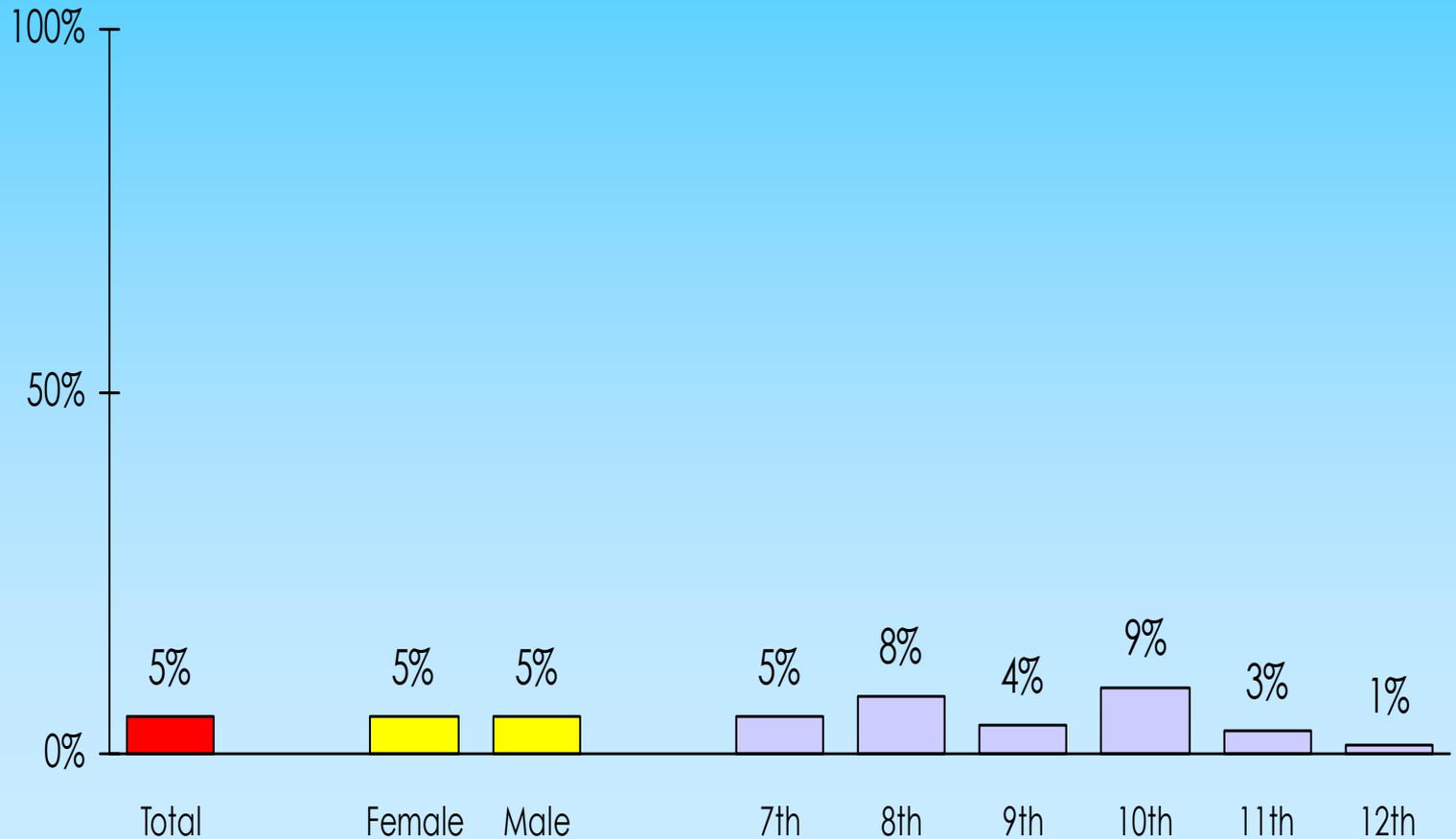
## Percentage of students who used marijuana one or more times during the past 30 days.



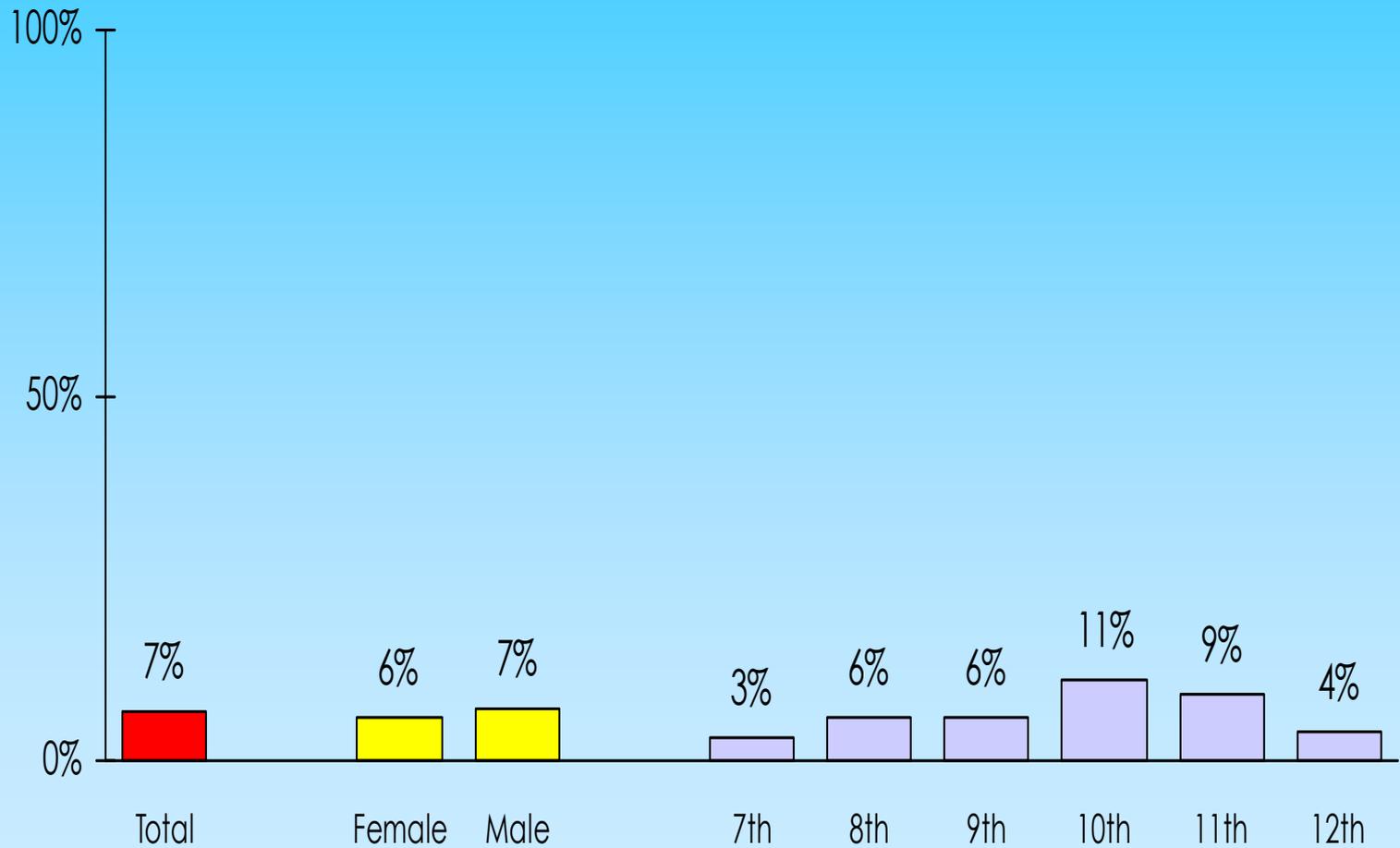
## Percentage of students who sniffed glue, breathed the contents of aerosol spray cans or inhaled any paints or sprays to get high during their life.



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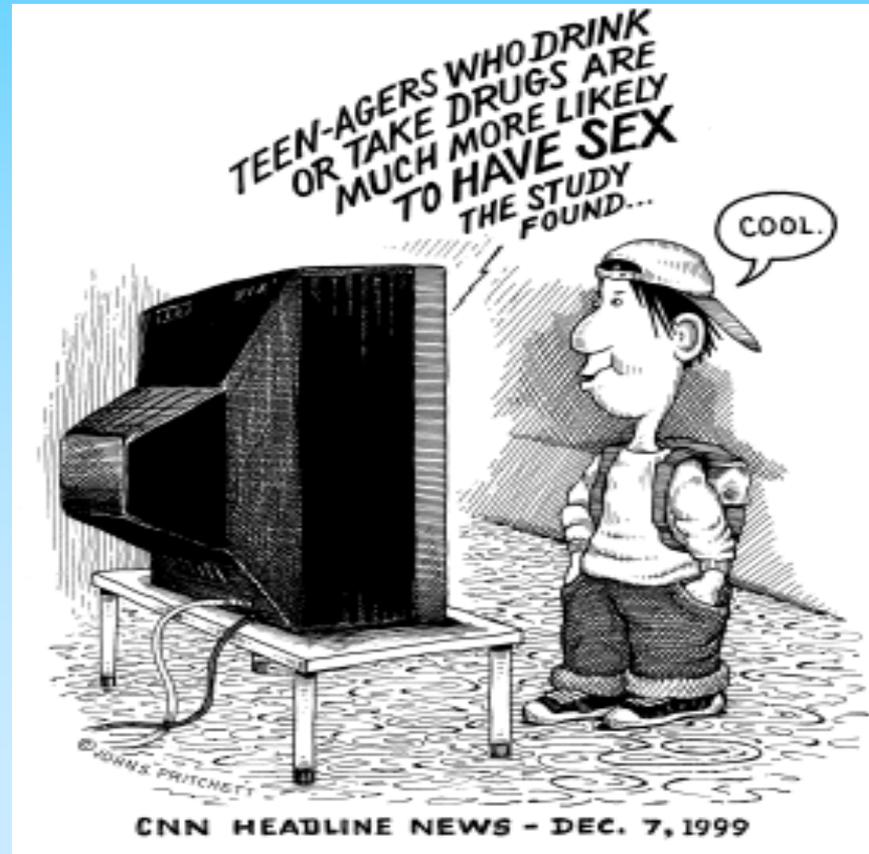


# Percentage of students who used methamphetamines one or more times during their life.

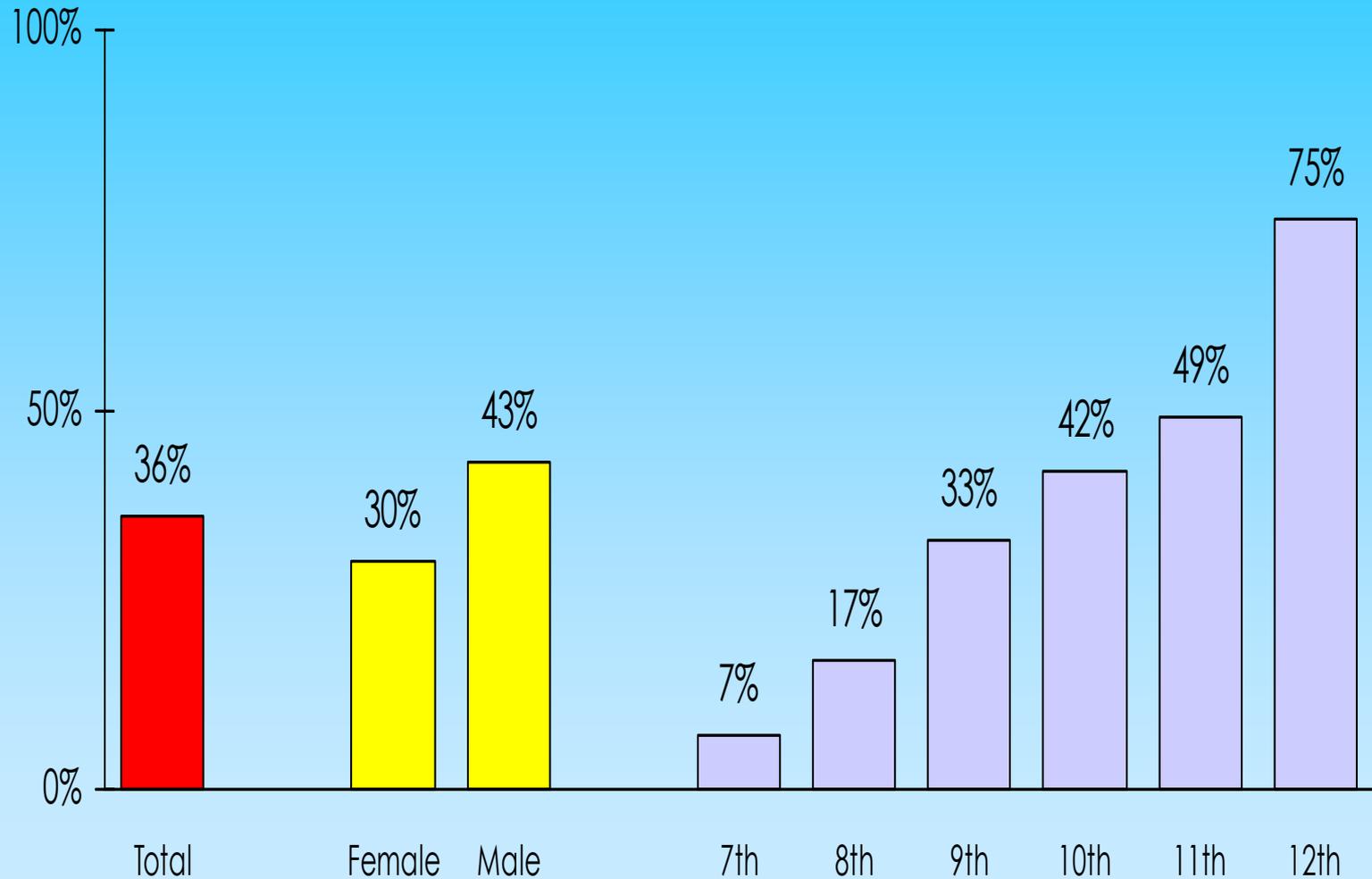




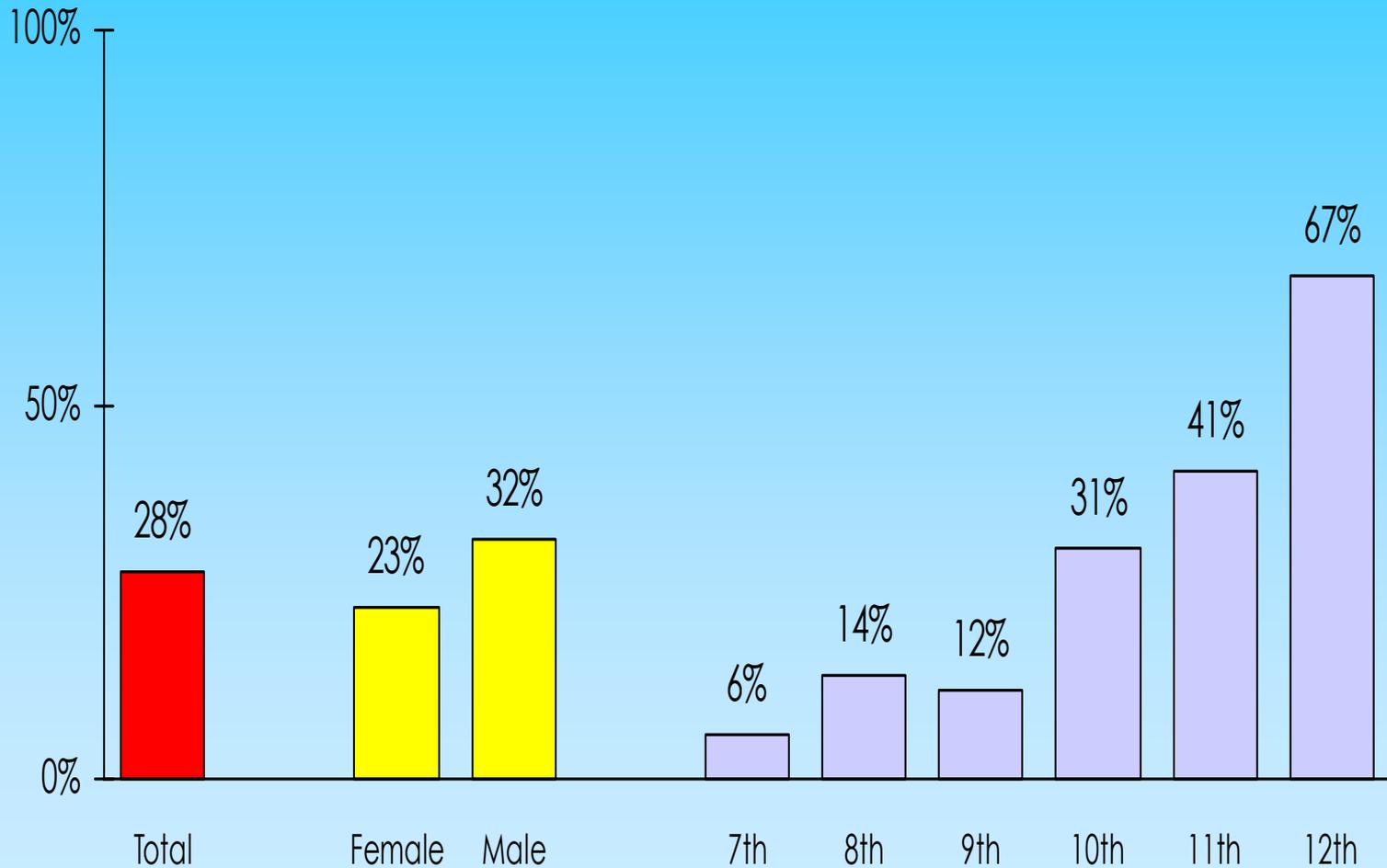
# Detailed Findings- Sexual Behavior



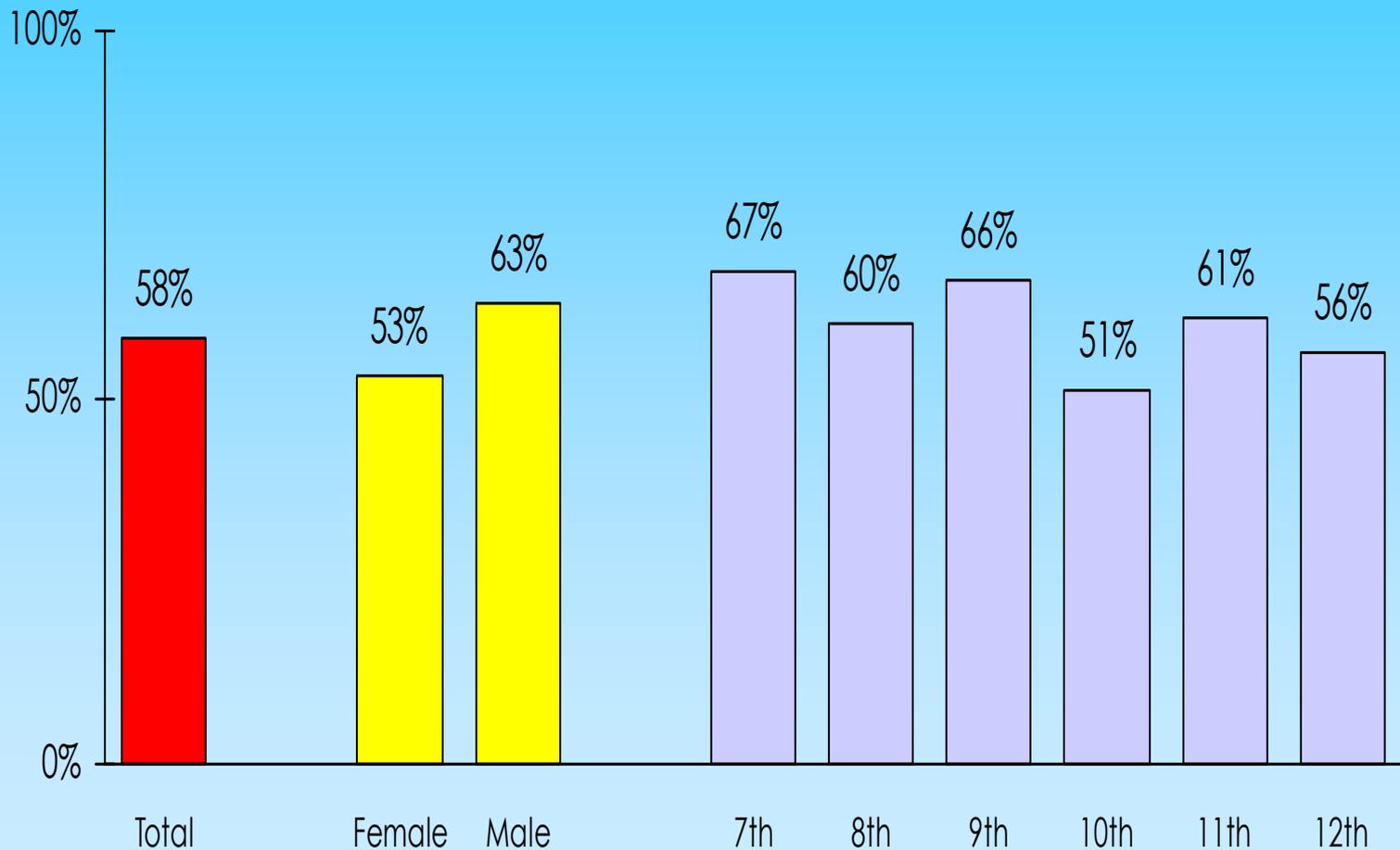
## Percentage of students who have had sexual intercourse.



## Percentage of students who had sexual intercourse during the past three months.



# Of students who had sexual intercourse, the percentage who used a condom during the last sexual intercourse.

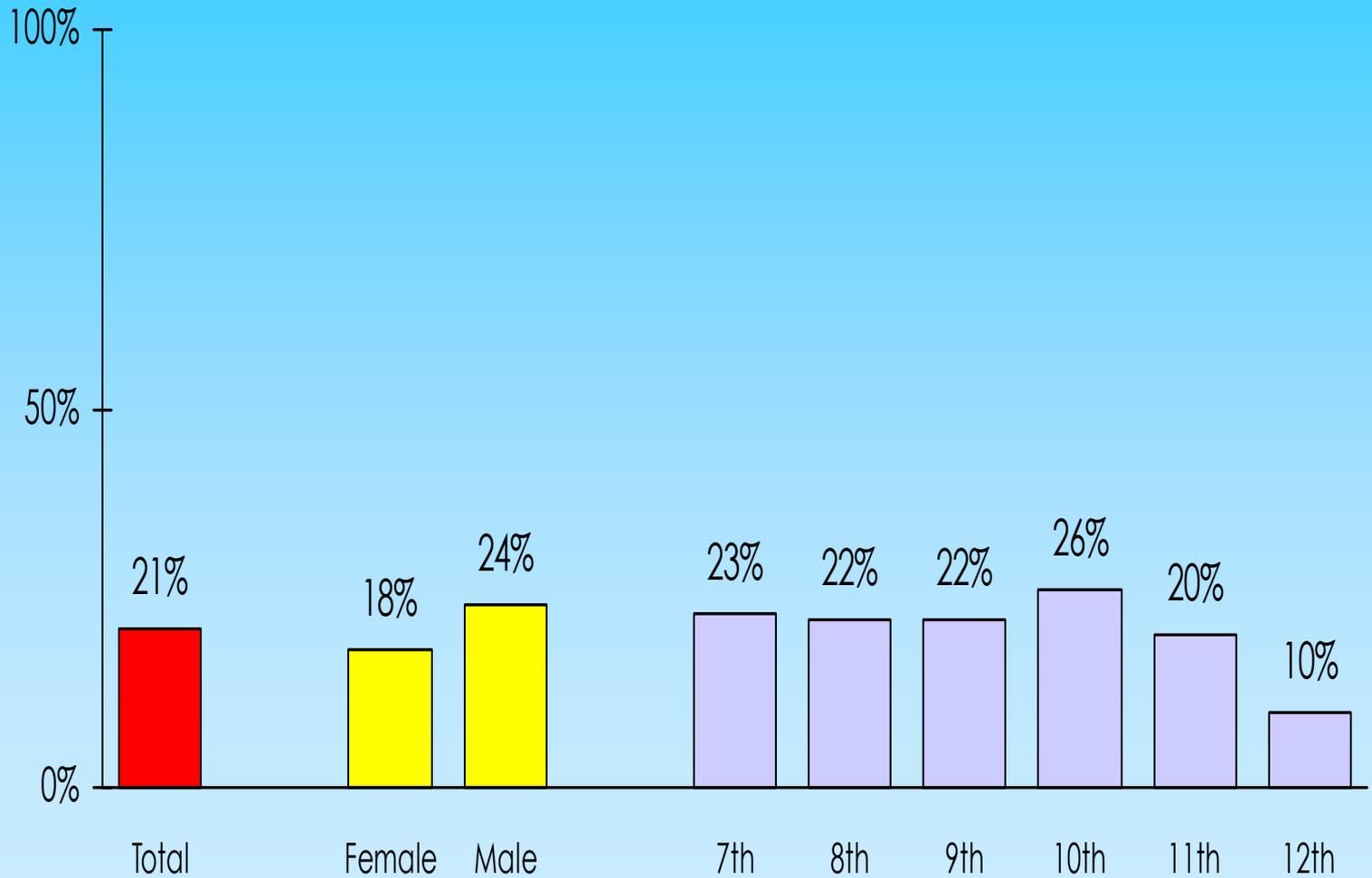




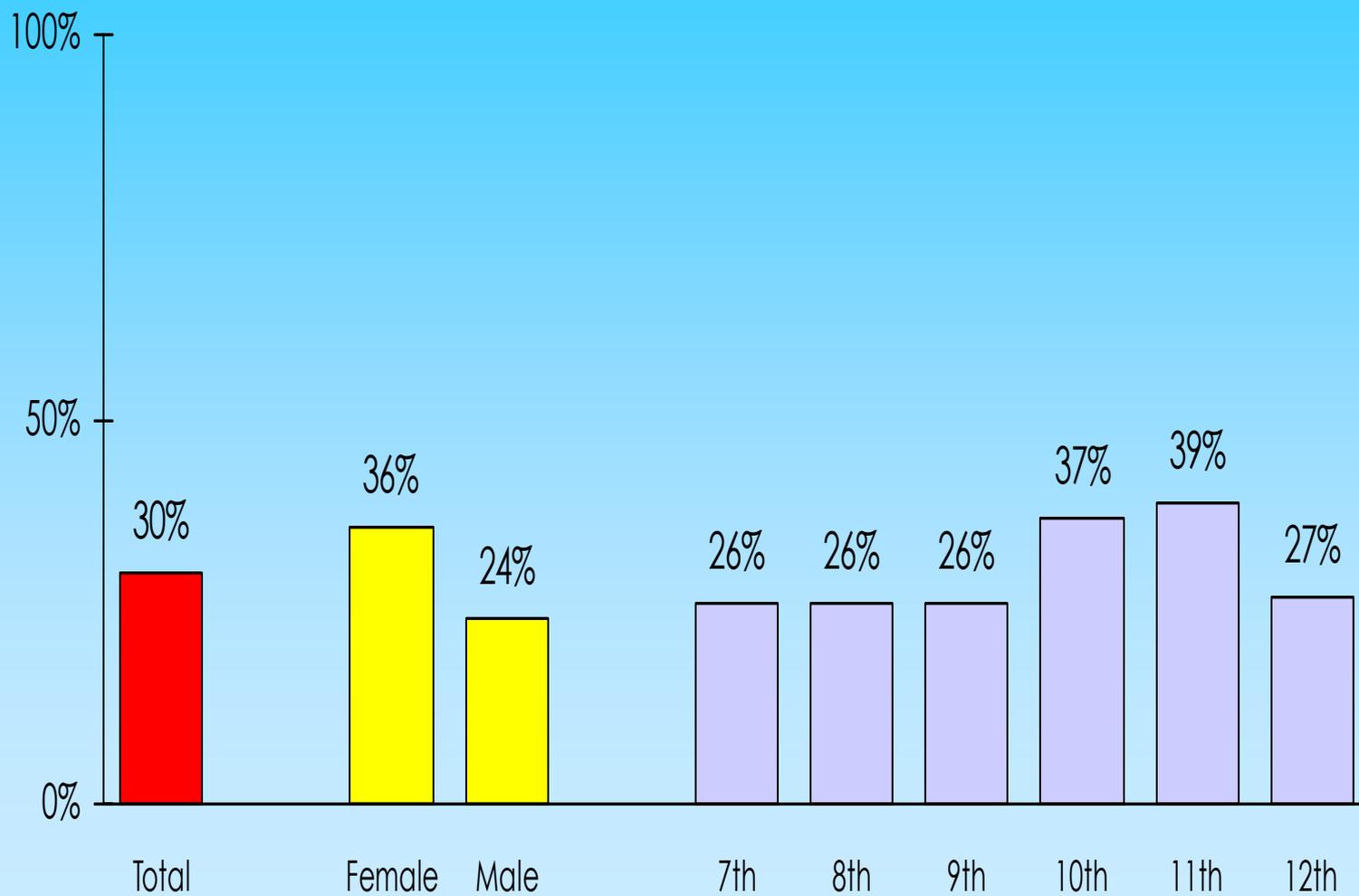
# Detailed Findings- Weight, Diet & Exercise



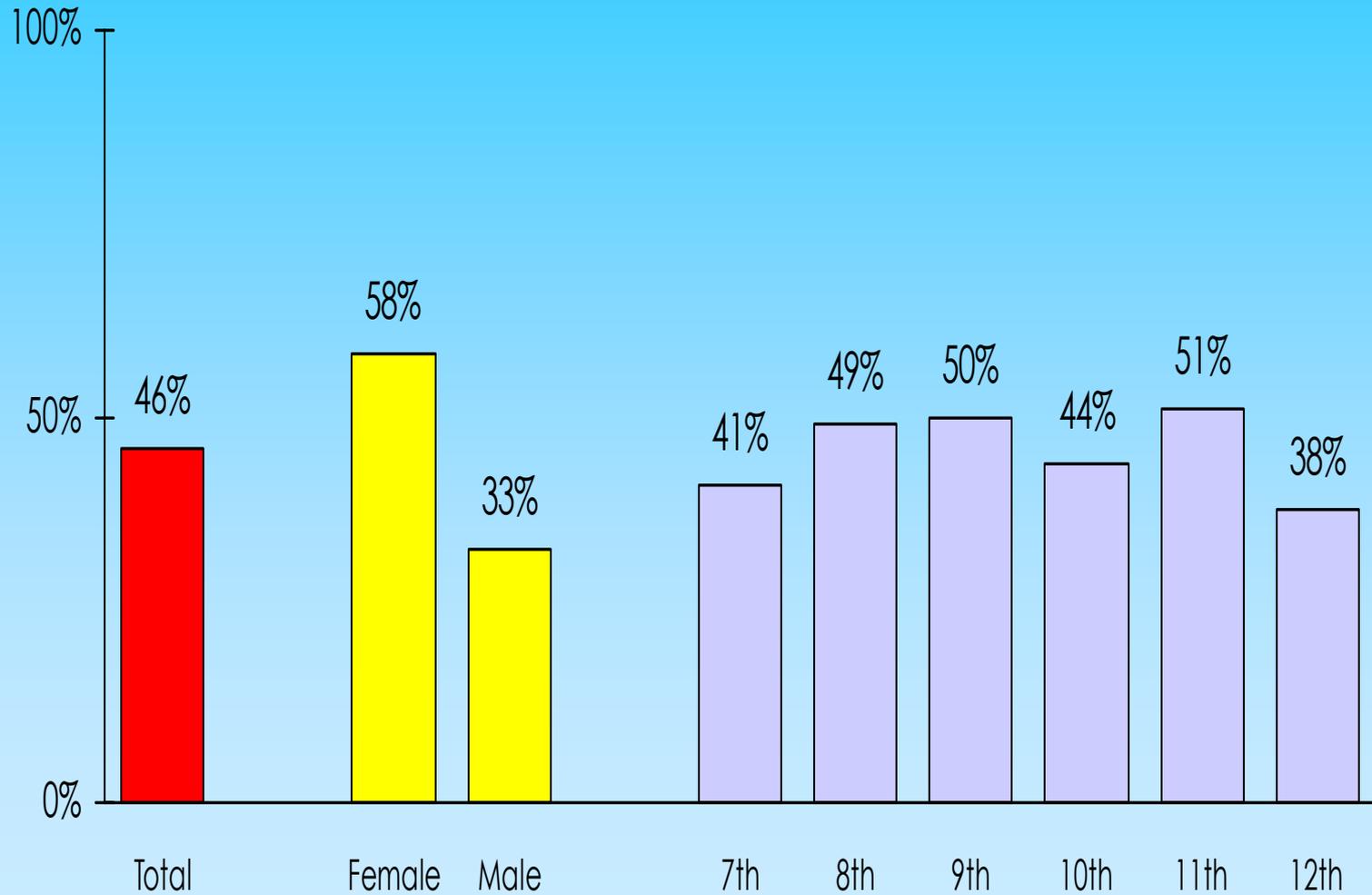
# Percentage of students who are overweight, as calculated by Body Mass Index.



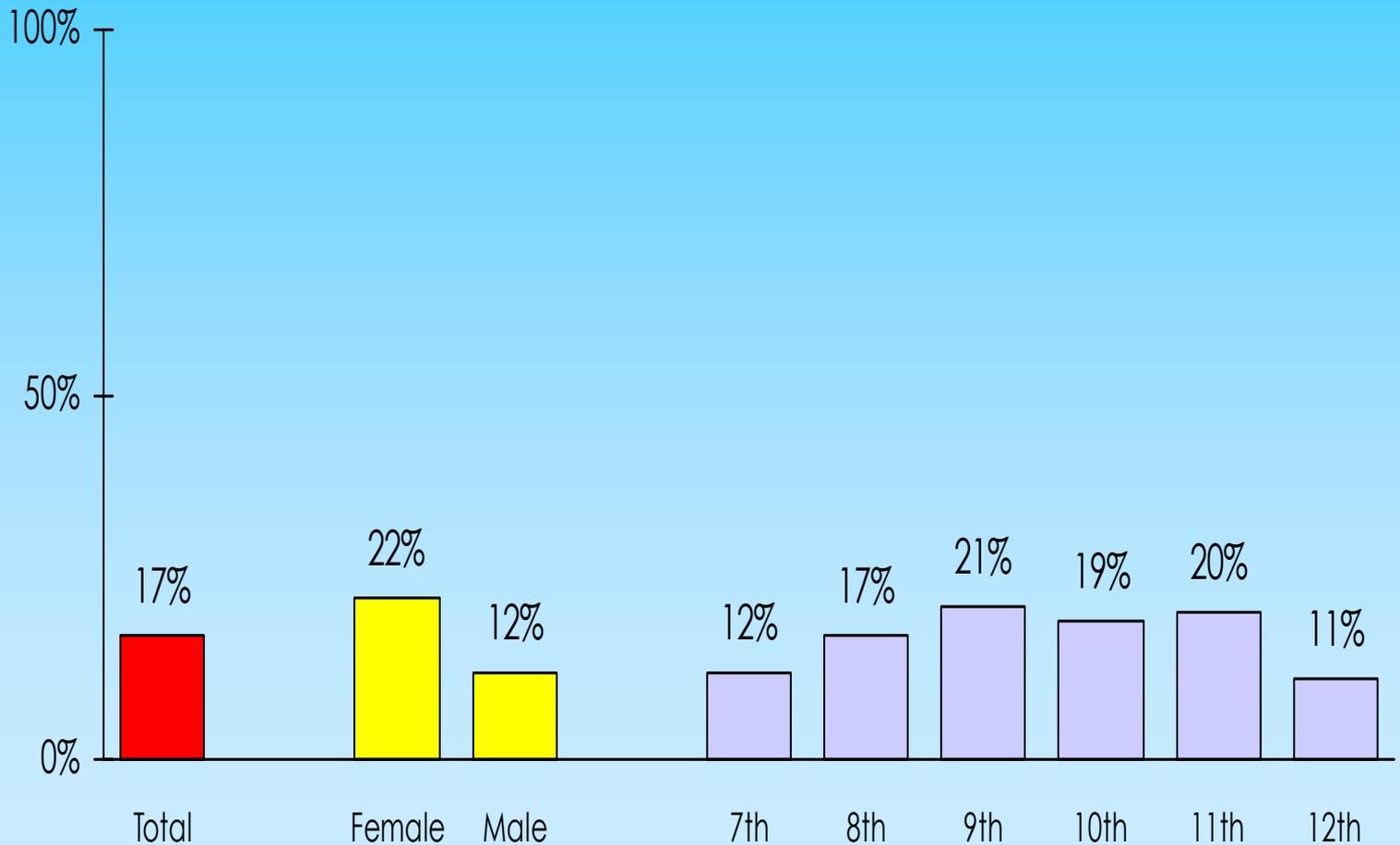
# Percentage of students who describe themselves as slightly or very overweight.



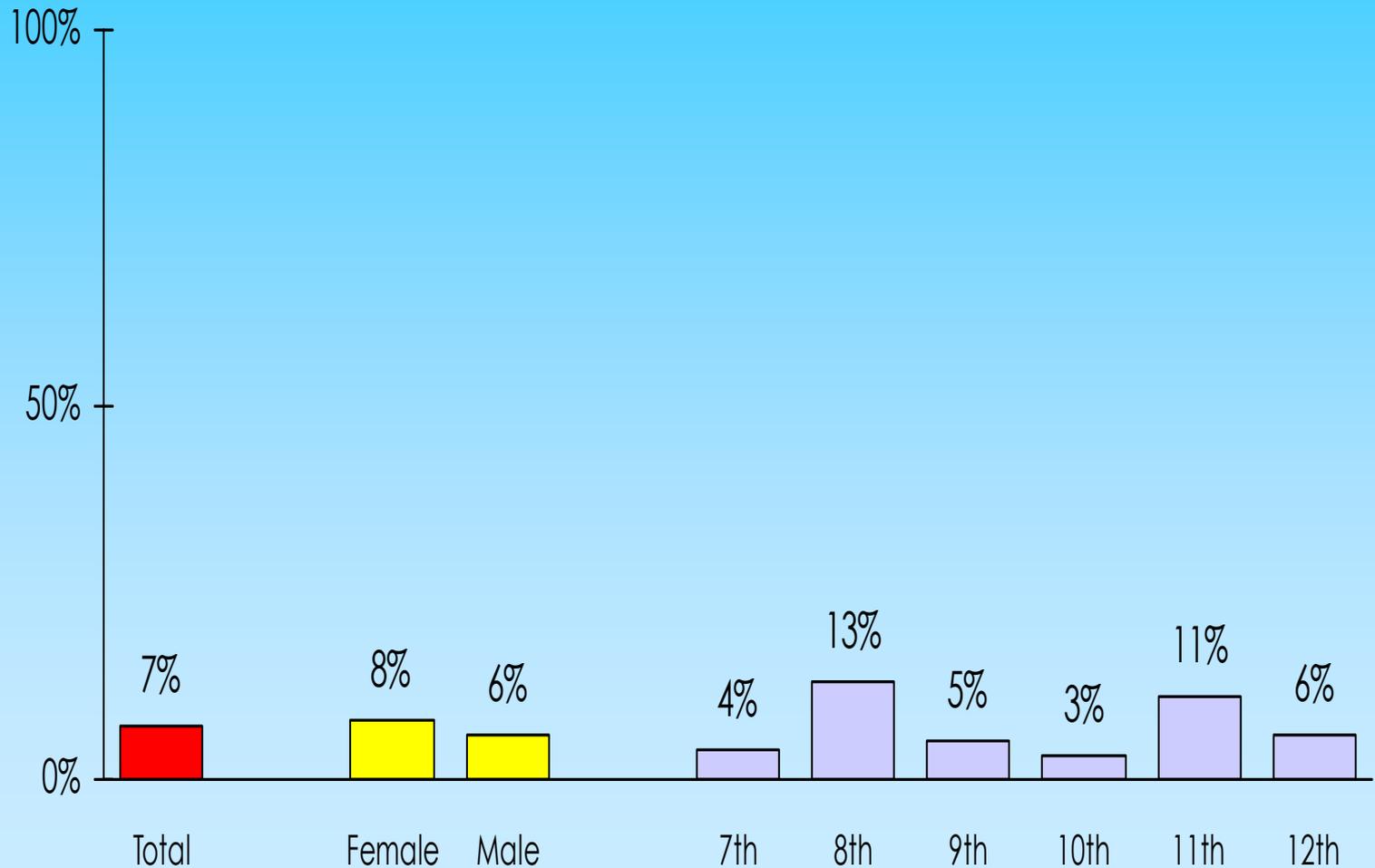
## Percentage of students who were trying to lose weight.



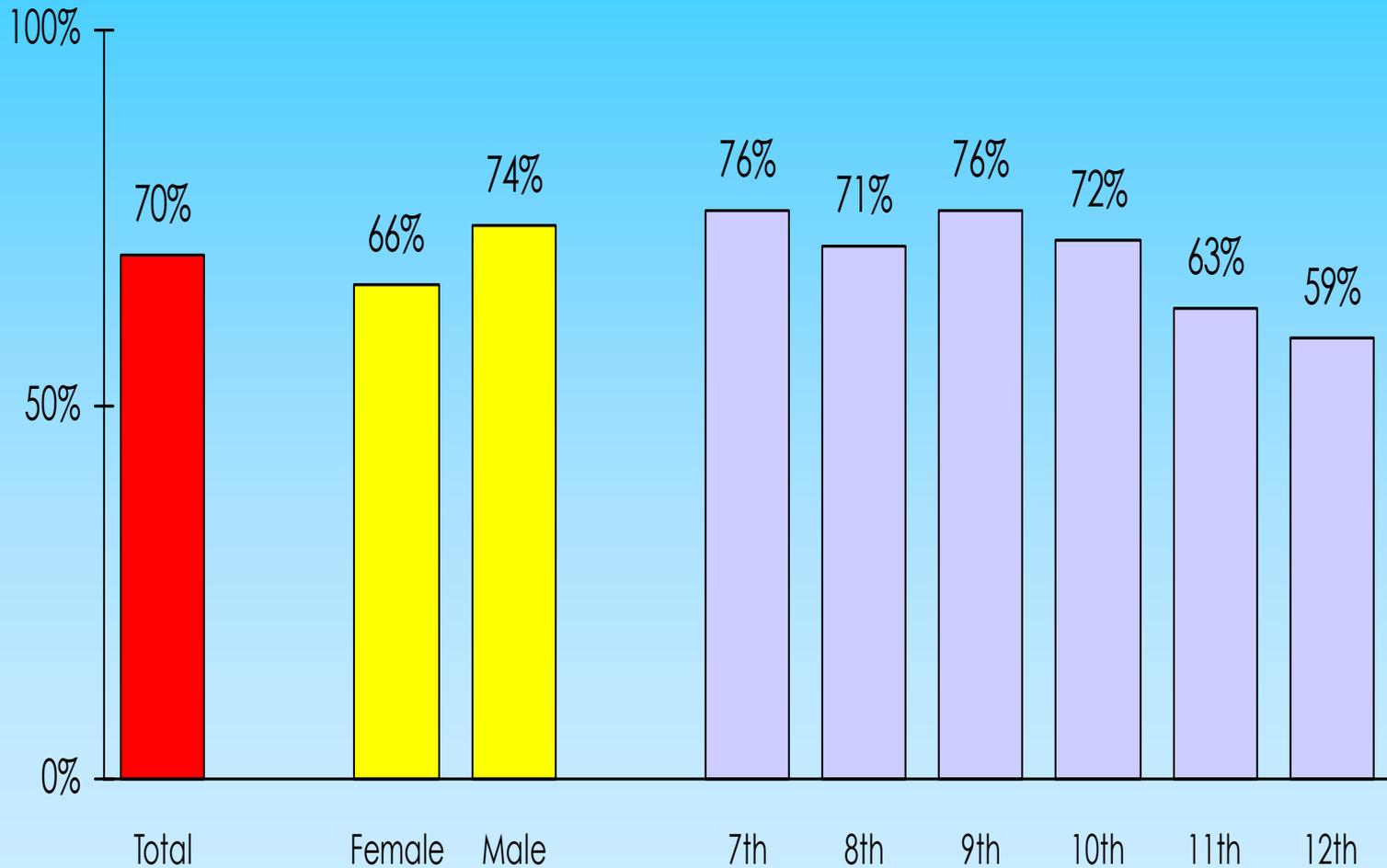
# Percentage of students who fasted, or went without eating, for 24 hours or more to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight during the past 30 days.



## Percentage of students who vomited or took laxatives to lose weight or to keep from gaining weight during the past 30 days.



# Percentage of students who participated in a physical activity for at least 30 minutes that made them sweat and breathe hard on 3 or more of the past 7 days.



# How Does Fulton County Compare?

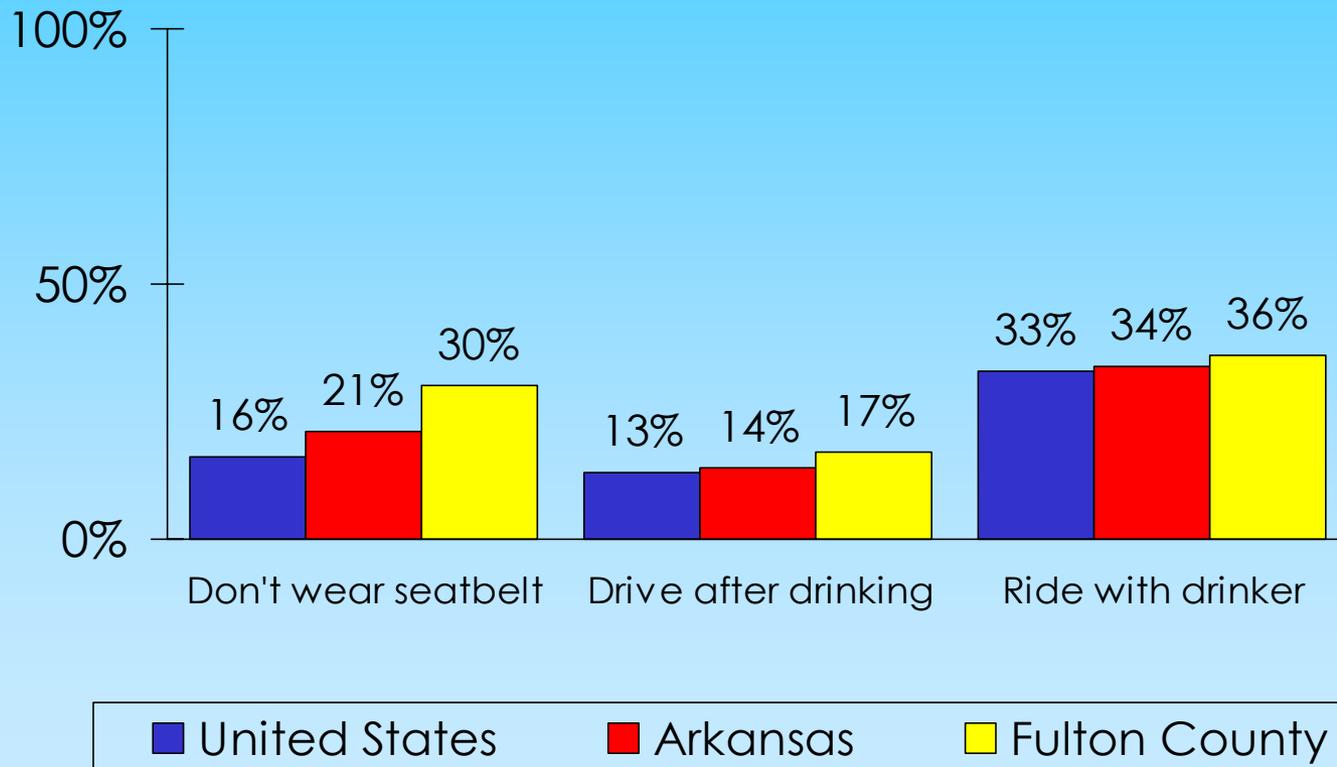
1. Comparisons to the State & National YRBS

<http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dash/yrbs/>

2. Comparisons with Other Data

3. Drawing Conclusions

# Comparing Fulton County, Arkansas & US-9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

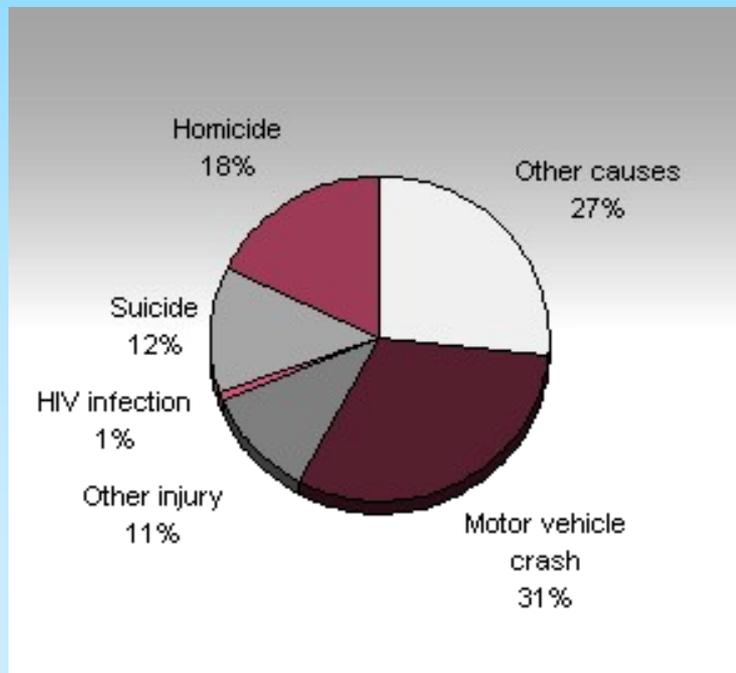


+ Vehicle Safety Could Be Addressed with Fulton County Youth.

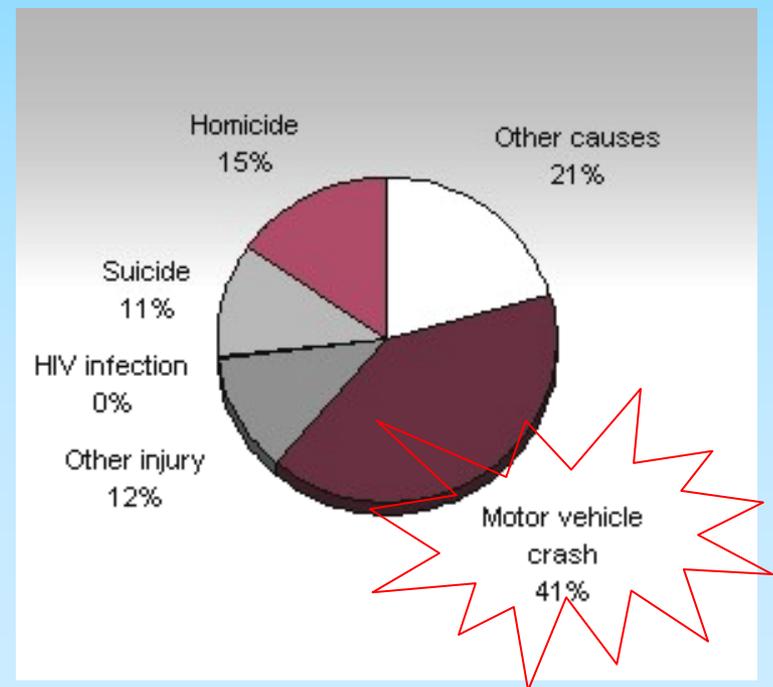
# Motor Vehicle Crash Fatalities

- Car crashes are by far the leading cause of death among 10-24 year olds in both the state and nation.

Leading Causes of Death  
Ages 10-24  
United States



Leading Causes of Death  
Ages 10-24  
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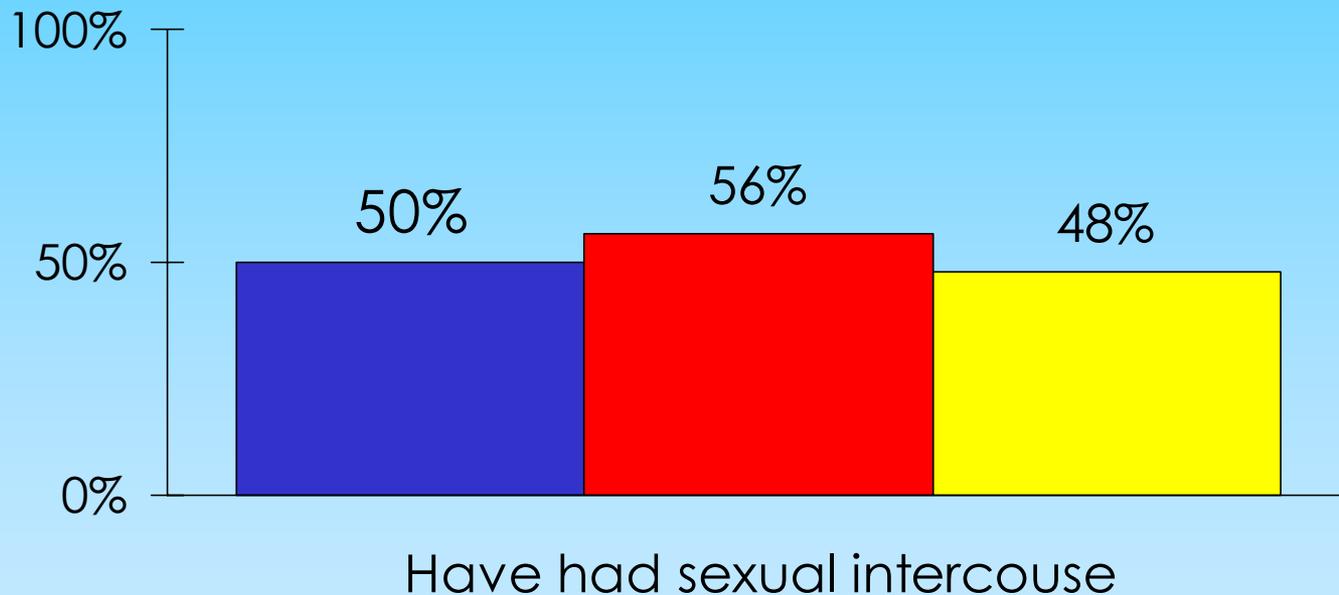
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- And Fulton County has one of the higher Motor Vehicle Crash mortality rates in the state.

United States 1997	Arkansas 1997	Fulton County 1996-1998
<u>15.9</u> per 100,000	<u>28.6</u> per 100,000	<u>46.8</u> per 100,000

✚ Fulton County ranks 69<sup>th</sup> out of 75 counties for motor vehicle fatalities where 1<sup>st</sup> is the lowest rate and 75<sup>th</sup> the highest rate.

# Sexual Intercourse US, Arkansas, & Fulton County 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students



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